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Date of transcription 2/2/82

[redacted] (Protect), [redacted], Douglas, Alaska, telephone number [redacted], voluntarily appeared at the Juneau Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Juneau, Alaska. After appropriate introductions and identification were made by SA [redacted] stated that she wished to voluntarily provide some information, which pertains to a hyjacking of an aircraft in the Pacific Northwest, which resulted in an extensive search for an individual known as D.B. Cooper, and the money he obtained through the hyjacking.

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[redacted] stated that the information she possesses pertains to [redacted], to whom [redacted] [redacted] stated that she has [redacted] and wishes now to provide some information she obtained [redacted]

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She stated that [redacted], he often [redacted] as to the above described hyjacking, but at the time, she never really knew whether to believe him or not. She stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated because of [redacted] [redacted] she is not convinced in her own mind that his [redacted], but she wished to notify the appropriate authorities of the information, so that they could evaluate it and she could feel as though her conscience was clear.

[redacted] stated that she has lived in the Juneau, Alaska area for a number of years, and first met [redacted] when he came to Juneau, Alaska around [redacted] stated that [redacted] had come to Juneau, Alaska from Vancouver, Washington area. After meeting him, [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] wherein [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following physical description and background data on [redacted]

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Name
Aliases
Race

White

PD 164-41-1870

Investigation on 1/26/82 at Juneau, Alaska File # AN 164A-227

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/26/82

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☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
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Date 2/3/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (164A-227) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJACK

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one [redacted]

Also, enclosed for Portland are the following items:

1) The original and one copy of an FD-302 containing the interview of [redacted] at Juneau, Alaska.

2) The original and one copy of an Investigative Insert containing additional information provided by [redacted] at Juneau, Alaska.

3) Two snapshot photographs of [redacted].

4) [redacted]

For information of the Laboratory and Portland, [redacted] (Protect Identity), who requested that her identity as the source of this information be protected, advised on 1/26/82,

3 - Bureau (Encs. 1)
 ② - Portland (Encs. 7)
 1 - Anchorage

[redacted]
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164-41-1871

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FBI/DOJ

DB Cooper-43405

Memorandum



To : SAC (164-41)

Date 2/12/82

From : SC JOAN M. THOMAS

Subject : NORJAK

On this date, [redacted] home telephone [redacted]
Dalks, Oregon, advised [redacted]
would not furnish any further details. He stated he wants an
Agent to contact him ASAP and he wants to be paid for his information.
He was advised that an Agent would contact him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC PORTLAND (164-41)

DATE: 2/17/82

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re memo of SC JOAN M. THOMAS 2/12/82.

On 2/17/82 contac was made with the DALLAS, OREGON Police Department re [REDACTED] OFFICER [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had contacted his department last Sunday 2/14/82 advising them that [REDACTED] Officer [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]. He described [REDACTED] as a white male, dob [REDACTED], with ODL [REDACTED].

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In light of the above information writter does not plan to contact [REDACTED] unless advised to do so by BQrtland HQ.

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1-Portland
[REDACTED]



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164-41-1873

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-43410

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Date 2/24/82

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164A-642) (RUC) (SQ. 7)
 NORJACK
 CAA-HIJACKING
 OO: ~~PORTLAND~~ SEATTLE

Re Columbus RA telephone call to Portland, dated 2/16/82.

On 2/16/82, [redacted] (protect identity by request), date of birth [redacted] address [redacted] telephone number [redacted], voluntarily appeared at the Columbus, Georgia, RA and furnished the following information concerning the possible identity of "D. B. Cooper":

In [redacted] the U. S. Army Disciplinary Barracks, Camp Gordon (Ft. Gordon), Georgia, he became acquainted with a [redacted] (first name unknown) [redacted] U. S. Air Force, [redacted] the barracks [redacted]

[redacted] told him that [redacted]

[redacted] told him that [redacted]

He described [redacted] as a white male, in his early [redacted], with slender build, medium complexion and thin facial features.

②-Portland (164-41)
 1-Seattle (164A-81)
 1-Atlanta (164A-642)

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Subject has olive complexion - not medium or average

164-41-1874

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DB Cooper-43411

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

DATE: 3/9/82

FROM : SC NORMA JEAN METTLER

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 2/25/82 Sgt. [REDACTED] The Dalles, Oregon, City Police Department, telephone [REDACTED], furnished the following information:

An individual whom [REDACTED] knows by the name of [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED], [REDACTED] stated he should collect the \$25,000 reward. [REDACTED] knows [REDACTED]

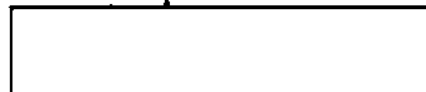
[REDACTED] was just furnishing this information for whatever action deemed necessary.

(2) Portland



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164-41-1875



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Date of transcription 3/16/82

[redacted] KATU-TV, Portland,
Oregon, furnished the following information:

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He accompanied KATU-TV [redacted] to a meeting
[redacted] an unidentified man at the Mapleleaf Restaurant, SE 72nd Avenue
and Stark Street, Portland, Oregon, at 10:30 AM, November 25, 1981.
He remained in a car during the interview of the man by [redacted], but
was able to observe the man. He described the man as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 55
Height	5' 11"
Build	Slender
Facial Characteristics	High cheek bones, taunt skin, large ears, long rippled nose, receding hairline, scar high on left forehead about 3" long by 1/4" wide (possibly fake)
Clothing	Polyester jacket (green or dark brown), black turtle neck shirt, V neck sweater (red)

Investigation on 11/25/81 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164A-41-1877
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/2/81

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[redacted] KATU-TV, Portland,
Oregon, furnished the following information:

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At about 8:40 AM, November 25, 1981, he was contacted by an anonymous male telephone caller. The man claimed to have a portion of the ransom money he received.

The caller claimed to have a portion of a twenty dollar bill with number J28365856A and arrangements were made for him to meet with KATU-TV [redacted] and give the portion of the bill to her. The caller wished to remain anonymous and appeared to be very nervous.

Investigation on 11/25/81 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164A-41-1878
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/2/81

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Date of transcription 3/16/82

[redacted], KATU-TV, 2153 NE Sandy Boulevard, Portland, Oregon, furnished the following information:

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On November 25, 1981, she was assigned to meet and interview an unidentified male at the Mapleleaf Restaurant, SE 72nd Avenue and Stark Street, Portland. The man was to give her a portion of a twenty dollar bill and furnish her with information concerning the bill. At 10:30 AM she went to the restaurant with a fellow employee, [redacted]

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When they arrived on the parking lot of the Mapleleaf Restaurant she was approached by a white male who made available to her the center portion of a U. S. Twenty Dollar Bill bearing serial number J28365856A. He then told the following story:

The man advised the money was found around Kalama by a family approximately one year ago. He said he is not sure how much they found, but there is at least one stack. The family gave the man one piece of the money and asked him to check where it might have come from, giving the serial number. He said he had seen the TV program last night about the anniversary of D. B. Cooper, showing pictures of the other money that was found, and that got him to thinking maybe this was part of that money and that is what prompted him to call the television station today.

The man would not let television station personnel talk to the family who found the money because he was trying to protect the identity of the family. They said they found it on the beach and they asked him to check into it instead of doing it themselves because they were just not the type of people who would know where to go.

The man said he is not related to the family, but they are just friends. He claimed [redacted] location where the money was found. When questioned about the amount of money found he finally said, "quite a bit." He said the family wanted strict privacy and that is why they were not coming forth. He described them as very reserved people and he believes they found it after the first amount of money was found.

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Investigation on 11/25/81 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164A-41-1879

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/2/81

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The man then walked south on SE 72nd Avenue and disappeared.

[] placed the portion of currency in a plastic cassette holder and subsequently gave it to the interviewing Special Agent.

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She described the man as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55
Hair	Grey and receding
Build	Slender
Height	5' 11'
Facial features	Very gaunt with high cheekbones
Clothing	Black turtle neck sweater, red V neck sweatshirt, waist length green polyester jacket and trousers

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

☒ TOP SECRET
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Date 3/26/82

TO: [REDACTED] PORTLAND (164A-41)
FROM: [REDACTED] SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Portland airtel to Seattle, December 23, 1981.

In view of information reflected in Detroit airtel to Portland, November 5, 1981, no further investigation should be conducted by Portland in regards to [REDACTED].

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Portland
2 - Seattle

[REDACTED]
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Approved: _____

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DB Cooper-43420

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 5/28/82

From : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)(P)

Subject : NORJACK
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Seattle)

Re Anchorage airtel to the Bureau, 2/3/82, Atlanta airtel to Portland, 2/24/82, and Atlanta letter to the Bureau, 3/3/82.

Enclosed are 2 copies each of referenced Anchorage airtel and Atlanta letter with respective enclosures.

Inquiry through CRISS(Columbia Region Information Sharing System) containing law enforcement records for the Portland, Oregon, metropolitan area revealed a [redacted] described as a white male, born [redacted] 5'4" in height, 150 pounds, blond hair, green eyes, as having been arrested by Clark County, Washington Sheriff's Office, [redacted] for [redacted], and on [redacted], for [redacted].

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Further evaluation and action regarding [redacted] in captioned matter is being left to office of origin in view of [redacted] propensity for [redacted].

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A review of referenced Atlanta letter to the Bureau, reveals [redacted] developed as a suspect in captioned matter was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration assigned to Columbus, Ohio between [redacted]. A review of [redacted] photograph fails to show sufficient similarities to justify an interview of [redacted].

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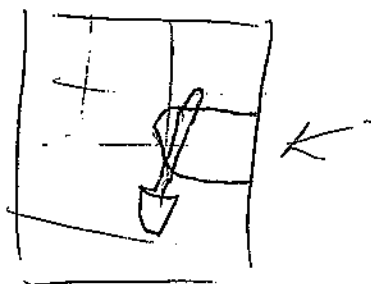
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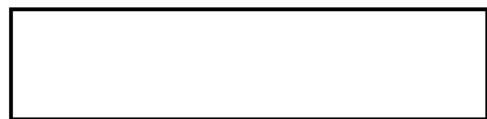
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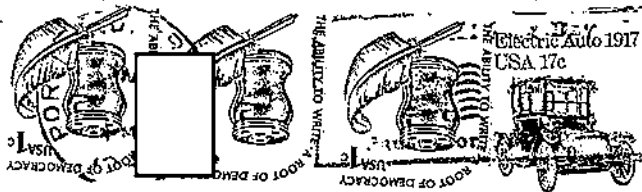
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(203) 438-6042

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FBI
Portland, Ore. 97205

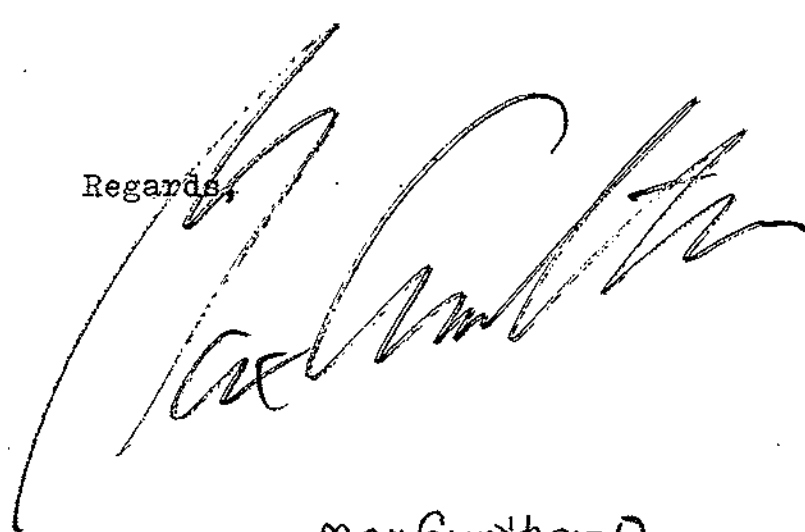
Dear FBI:

I've been receiving phone calls from someone [redacted]
[redacted] "D.B. Cooper," the 1971 air hijacker. Chances
are it's a hoax, but as a journalist I can't drop it without looking
into it.

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Is this 11-year-old case still open with you? If so, I'll be
happy to tell you what I've got if you want to hear it. Maybe you
can help me decide whether to write up my notes or throw them in the
wastebasket.

Regards,



max Gunther-O

164-41-1883

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SERIAL	[redacted]
SEP 8 1982	
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 10/25/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJACK
CAA-HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

Re Portland letter to Seattle 5/28/82.

Enclosed for Seattle is original letter of [redacted] received by Portland, 10/4/82, regarding captioned matter. Evaluation and any action deemed appropriate is being left to Office of Origin.

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1 - Portland
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DB Cooper-43427



Tosaw Publishing Co., Inc.

2415 A. Lawrence St. - P.O. Box 939

Ceres, California 95307

Phone (209) 537-0151 - 0789

RICHARD T. TOSAW
President

7 yrs.

October 20, 1982

Special Agent in Charge
FBI
1500 S.W. First
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am writing a book about D.B. Cooper entitled, "D.B. Cooper Dead or Alive?" and I need to know the numbers of the bills that were found by Brian Ingram on February 10, 1980. I understand you have the money there that was found and I would really appreciate it if you would send the serial numbers to me. I am enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

I have received the full cooperation of the entire crew of the hijacked plane, other Northwest Airline officials and also the parents of the boy who found the money.

I use to be in the FBI, in the fifties, and have good words for the bureau in my book, which should be out in about 60 days. I have the list of the serial numbers, but do not have the numbers of the bills that were found.

Note:

I hope you can be of assistance.

*11/4/82 FBIHQ
Advised Tosaw was SA
from 3/19/1951 to 12/16/1955
and resigned for "personal reasons."*

Very truly yours,

RICHARD T. TOSAW

RTT:bh
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(27 yrs ago)

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*I see no problem
in response. Please
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DB Cooper-43428

Post Office Box 709
Portland, Oregon 97207

November 4, 1982

Richard T. Tosaw, President
Tosaw Publishing Company, Inc.
2415 A. Lawrence Street
Post Office Box 939
Ceres, California 95307

Dear Mr. Tosaw:

On February 10, 1980, approximately 290 \$20 bills were located in the sand of the Columbia River. These bills were in packets, and in numerical sequence (by serial number), indicating they were in the same condition at the same time the money was given out. The condition of the money was very deteriorated, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory could not determine exactly the number of bills contained in the currency submitted. Serial numbers were obtained only from the top portion of each bundle located. The serial numbers of the bills located were as follows:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Series Year</u>
G 03072381 B	1969
L 10919321 A	1969
L 55066857 A	1969
L 32987392 A	1969
L 30706882 B	1963 A
I 02442844 A	1969
K 03654750 A	1969
I 02591811 A	1969
J 20209868 A	1963 A
L 55376548 B	1963 A
L 20301456 A	1969
L 51236377 B	1963 A
D 27112759 A	1969

We appreciate your interest in this investigation and will be watching for your publication.

1-Addressee
1-Portland (164-41) (P)

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. BAKER
Special Agent in Charge

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☐ Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 12/7/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA - HIJACKING
 (OO: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle is letter addressed to Portland Police Bureau and for the attention of the D. P. COOPER DETAIL.

For information of Seattle, Portland Police Bureau furnished enclosed letter to Portland FBI on December 6, 1982. Letter appears to be of questionable value and is being furnished Seattle for whatever action deemed appropriate.

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 1 - Portland

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Search for Cooper goes on

By DENISE MEYER

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — If Dan Cooper still is alive, he's probably laughing at all the hoopla that some people are raising over his dramatic airplane hijacking 11 years ago Thanksgiving eve.

The hoopla has been expensive for Richard Tosaw, a retired lawyer and former FBI agent from Ceres, Calif., who estimates he has paid \$25,000 in the past year in efforts to find the enigmatic folk hero.

"I intend to search until I find him," Tosaw said Wednesday after a fruitless 2½ hours spent dragging the Columbia River near here.

Nov. 24, 1971, a man calling himself Dan Cooper hijacked a Northwest Airlines jet and then parachuted out over Southwest Washington with \$200,000 he extorted from the airline.

Nothing has been found of Cooper since, except for \$5,800 in soggy \$20 bills that a boy found on the shore of the Columbia in February 1980.

The incident is the only unsolved jetliner hijacking in U.S. history.

Tosaw, 57, says he has spent \$125 a day for most of the past two weeks for a diver to drag the Columbia near the spot where 11-year-old Brian Ingram, now of San Bernardino, Calif., found the extorted bills.

"The plane went right over here," Tosaw said as he gestured toward the Columbia Wednesday afternoon. "If we're lucky, we'll snag something. We feel a chute is very snagable."

Tosaw says the money that Brian found surfaced when the Army Corps of Engineers dredged the river and deposited silt on the bank.

Although Tosaw claims to be serious about finding Cooper's parachute or other belongings, his hired diver is dragging the river at a painstakingly slow pace with a large steel rake attached to a rope.

Tosaw says he is willing to invest another \$25,000 to find a trace of Cooper. He says he has written 100 of the projected 150 pages of a book on Cooper. He's publishing it himself and says the \$4.50 paperback should be available in stores in eight weeks.

Is Cooper still alive?

"If he could have undone his parachute and untied the money bag, I think he could have made it," Tosaw says. "The water is so cold, though. I think he had military training, but that water is too cold to last more than about three minutes. And you can't swim very far in three minutes."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Portland, OR

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DREDGING FOR DAN — Richard Tosaw demonstrates dredging tool he is using to drag Columbia River for signs of Dan Cooper. He is watched by Brian

Ingram, who in February 1980 found \$5,800 of the marked \$20 bills that Cooper supposedly parachuted with from an airliner. Blake Payne is the pilot.

DB Cooper-43435



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

NEWS INQUIRY

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Portland, Oregon

December 20, 1982

The FBI has been informed that during a dredging operation of the Columbia River items were located that could have been portions of a parachute and a money bag. There is speculation by some sources that these items could be the parachute and money bag of D. Cooper, the Northwest Airlines hijacker of November 24, 1971.

These items have not been made available to the FBI for examination; however, from a description of them published by the news media, they do not conform with the known description of the parachute and money container with which Cooper exited the airplane.

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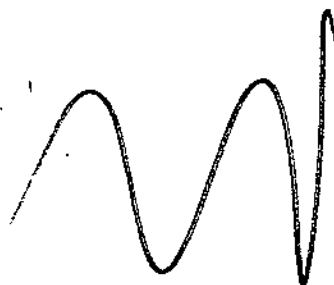
NOTE: On 12/20/82, an article by UPI indicated that _____, Oregon, _____, located what appeared to be parts of a parachute and a money bag _____ the Columbia River. A review of the file discloses that the parachute taken by Cooper was white, not olive drab, and there was no money sack as described by _____.

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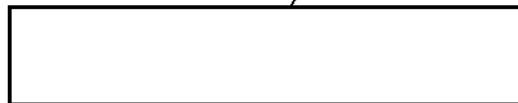
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Copy of parachute (?)
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 (00: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle is one envelope containing a cassette tape recording made by [redacted] Tacoma, Washington, containing information regarding captioned case.

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This tape is being forwarded to Seattle for whatever action deemed appropriate by Seattle.

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THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, COULD ALSO HAVE COME FROM THE HIJACKER. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, THESE ITEMS WERE FORWARDED BY [] TO TOSAW, WHO IS WRITING A BOOK ON CAPTIONED MATTER, IN ORDER THAT TOSAW CAN AUTHENTICATE THEM.

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FBIHQ DESIRES THAT BOTH TOSAW AND [] BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE IN POSSESSION OF POSSIBLE EVIDENCE IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND IF SO, WILL THEY MAKE SAME AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION BY FBI LABORATORY.

PORTLAND AT FLORENCE: INTERVIEW [] RE ABOVE FOR ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE.

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SACRAMENTO AT CERES: INTERVIEW RICHARD TOSAW FOR ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE AND IF IN POSSESSION OF ITEMS DESCRIBED ABOVE, DETERMINE IF HE WILL MAKE SAME AVAILABLE FOR FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

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UNIT CHIEF

CID,

REF TELCAL TO FBIHQ

[REDACTED]

AND SUPERVISOR SEATTLE, THIS

DATE.

PORTLAND DIVISION HAS RECEIVED MANY INQUIRIES INTO THE IDENTITY OF RICHARD T. TOSAW, PRESIDENT OF TOSAW PUBLISHING COMPANY, 2415 A LAWRENCE ST., CERES, CALIFORNIA, RESULTING FROM FREQUENT STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH THE FBI, AND CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION. IN FREQUENT PRESS CONTACTS BY TOSAW HE HAS REPORTED BEING A FORMER FBI AGENT, AND ALLUDES TO AN ONGOING ASSOCIATION WITH SAME AND CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION. TOSAW HAS STATED HE IS WRITING A BOOK ABOUT COOPER ENTITLED "D.B. COOPER DEAD OR ALIVE?" WHICH HE HOPES TO RELEASE EARLY IN

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1983. SOME PRESS SOURCES HAVE HEADLINED HIS ACTIVITIES AS "FORMER FBI AGENT CONTINUES SEARCH" AND "SEARCH FOR COOPER GOES ON," TO THE EXTENT WHERE PORTLAND HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CLARIFY THAT TOSAW IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATED OR EMPLOYED WITH THE FBI. (FBIHQ PERSONNEL DIVISION ADVISED SA ON NOVEMBER 4, 1982 THAT TOSAW WAS A SPECIAL AGENT FROM MARCH 19, 1951 TO DECEMBER 16, 1955, AND RESIGNED 27 YEARS AGO.)

PORTLAND HAS BEEN ADVISED BY LOCAL NEWS MEDIA SOURCES THAT TOSAW IS "USING" THE FBI TO ESTABLISH CREDIBILITY FOR HIS BOOK AND USING THE PRESS AND HIS "SEARCH" FOR FREE PUBLICITY. FOR THAT REASON MANY LOCAL TV, RADIO STATIONS, AND "THE OREGONIAN" HAVE RECENTLY REFUSED TO CARRY STORIES CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES. THE OREGONIAN, PORTLAND'S MAJOR NEWSPAPER, DID NOT CARRY THE RECENT UPI WIRE SERVICE STORY. SOME PREVIOUS ARTICLES WERE CRITICAL ALMOST RIDICULING, AS THE OREGONIAN ARTICLE OF NOVEMBER 24, 1982, WHICH STATES "ALTHOUGH TOSAW CLAIMS TO BE

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SERIOUS ABOUT FINDING COOPER'S PARACHUTE OR OTHER BELONGINGS,
 HIS [REDACTED] THE RIVER AT A PAINSTAKINGLY SLOW
 PACE WITH A LARGE STEEL RAKE ATTACHED TO A ROPE."

ON DECEMBER 16, 1982, A NEWS SOURCE ADVISED THAT TOSAW
 RENEWED HIS PUBLICITY EFFORTS, AND THAT A WIRE SERVICE STORY WAS
 GOING OUT REPORTING FINDINGS OF PORTIONS OF A PARACHUTE AND MONEY
 SACK, PROBABLY THAT OF COOPER'S. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FINDINGS WERE
 FURNISHED BY THE SOURCE. THE "EVIDENCE" CONSISTED OF NYLON CORD
 AND A BRIGHT GREEN PORTION OF NYLON CLOTH SIMILAR TO THAT USED ON
 SAILBOATS. PARACHUTES FURNISHED TO COOPER WERE WHITE, AND THERE
 WAS NO MONEY SACK ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE.

PORTLAND HAS CAREFULLY CHOSEN TO NEITHER INTERFERE WITH
 TOSAW'S RIGHT TO PUBLISH A BOOK AND DO RESEARCH ON COOPER, NOR
 TO INAPPROPRIATELY SPEND GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOLLOWING UP ON MATTERS
 CLEARLY NOT ASSOCIATED WITH KNOWN FACTS BUT WHICH APPEAR TO BE
 DERIVED IN THE FURTHERANCE OF A PRIVATE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.
 AS A RESULT, PORTLAND RESPONDED TO THE DELUGE OF NEWS INQUIRIES
 BY SIMPLY STATING THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS FOUND DID
 NOT MATCH THE PROPERTIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE THAT LEFT
 THE AIRPLANE WITH MR. COOPER.

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PORTLAND IS CONCERNED THAT THE NEEDS OF THE BUREAU AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVELY BE MET.

PORTLAND IS AWARE OF AND SENSITIVE TO THE NEED TO FULLY RESOLVE ANY PENDING INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING OBTAINING AND ASCERTAINING ANY PERTINENT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO SAME. WE ARE COGNIZANT ALSO THAT MR. TOSAW'S EFFORTS, OR ANY OTHER PRIVATE ENDEAVOR, DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE DISCOVERY OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, ANY INFORMATION, LEAD DATA, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC., WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE CONTEXT OF KNOWN FACTS, REASONABLENESS, AND ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION WHICH WILL NOT UNNECESSARILY DIMINISH THE INTEGRITY OF OUR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE KIND OF PUBLIC FORUM GENERATED IN THIS KIND OF CASE.

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SINCE NEITHER THE GREEN CLOTH OR MONEY SACK COULD BE PART OF THIS CASE IT IS RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER ACTION CONCERNING THEM BE TAKEN. IT IS FURTHER THE RECOMMENDATION UACB, THAT ANY LEADS, RESULTING FROM MR. TOSAW'S "SEARCH" BE CLOSELY EVALUATED BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE TO DETERMINE THEIR VALUE IN RELATION TO KNOWN FACTS. ANY RESULTANT ACTION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONDUCTED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE FBI IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MR. TOSAW, THAT HE IS ACTING IN ANY WAY AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE FBI, OR WHICH WOULD FURTHER SERVE AS AN AVENUE OF PUBLICITY TOWARD HIS PUBLICATION. NO PUBLIC COMMENTS SHOULD BE MADE WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE HIS ENDEAVOR; HOWEVER, UPON DEMAND LOCAL SOURCES WILL STILL BE APPRISED OF THE FACTS WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE DURING THIS ELEVEN YEAR INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

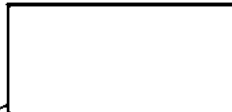
NORJAK, CAA - HIJACKING, OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1982,
AND SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALLS WITH BUREAU, PORTLAND AND SACRAMENTO,
DECEMBER 22, 1982.

PORTLAND AND SACRAMENTO ARE INSTRUCTED TO HOLD COVERAGE OF
LEADS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION IN ABEYANCE PENDING
FURTHER NOTIFICATION FROM SEATTLE OR FBIHQ.

ON DECEMBER 22, 1982, THE PORTLAND DIVISION ADVISED THAT
FORMER SA RICHARD TOSAW HAS HAD PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH PRESS IN
THE PORTLAND DIVISION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER AND PORTLAND

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HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS BY TOSAW REGARDING RELATIONSHIP WITH FBI AND CAPTIONED MATTER ARE SELF-SERVING AND SUGGESTED THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN MATTER PRIOR TO INTERVIEW OF TOSAW AND [REDACTED] AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, FBIHQ DESIRES TO RECONSIDER MATTER PRIOR TO ANY CONTACT WITH TOSAW AND [REDACTED].

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THEREFORE, PORTLAND WILL FURNISH FBIHQ AND SEATTLE WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION AS RELATES TO TOSAW AND CAPTIONED MATTER SO THAT MATTER CAN RECEIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

SEATTLE WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM PORTLAND, REVIEW SAME AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUREAU REGARDING INTERVIEW OF TOSAW.

BT

December 29th 1982

[redacted]
Michigan [redacted]

"Postmaster"

Portland, Oregon 97208

To whom it may Concern.

I would like for you to
help me to deliver a letter
to the 'Police Department'
working on the 'Case' of "THE
Amercian Hi-Jacking" involving
"D.B. Copper Case".

I will be grateful for your help
for passing my letter on.

Attachment is the letter
to the 'Police Department'. Thank You
Very much for your help & time

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December 29th 1982

Portland City or County Sheriff's
Department's.
Portland, Oregon.

To whom it May Concern.

I'm writing to you about the case
of 'D.B. Copper' when the story aired in
'1971' I've been following it as long as
it was told. And trying to keep more
information on it,

but lost contact. So today the program
"In Search of" aired the story.

My theory is that 'Copper, D.B.' did not
land in the wooded area.

But I believe that he landed in
'Marvlin Lake' pulling the shoot under-
water. Making believe that he landed in
the woods, was there a check under
water for the shoot? I have a theory
'Mr Copper'. Could've had a boat or a
ski plane waiting for him out of sight!
In my theory I come up with at least
'5' five things they are as follows

- 1' New identity
- 2' New Face lift
- 3' Living Some where in Canada or Alaska, Hawaii
- 4' Leave the Country or underground.
- 5' Or Dead!

But I believe that Copper has
new of the fellowings and Living
as a naborher and don't know it.

However as for the \$2. Million
Copper D.B., might just might
have put it in a overseas
bank!..

I would like to help work on
this case but I know I am not
Quianfilyed to do so.

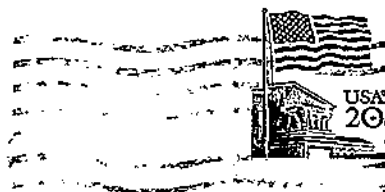
But please Concitter this I
do hope the person is Caught.

It fells like the State was
held up like a bank. Thank You
Very much for your time.



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Date 2/17/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA - HIJACKING
 OO: Seattle

Re Portland teletype to Bureau, 12/23/82; and Seattle teletype to Bureau, 12/22/82.

The Seattle Division concurs with recommendations of Portland Division in referenced Portland teletype. No contact will be made with Richard Tosaw.

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Memorandum



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Subject

D. B. Cooper

Date

March 11, 1983

To Special Agent [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From [redacted]
United States Attorney

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Enclosed is some miscellaneous correspondence for your files re the above person.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) Date 6/1/83
SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (RETIRED)
From :
Subject : NORJAK;
(OO: Seattle)
SE file 164-81
BU file 164-2]]]

On May 16, 1983, [redacted] who requested
anonymity advised writer that a suspect in captioned case
[redacted]. This suspect, is [redacted].
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] have not heard
from [redacted] in approximately [redacted] years and believe him
to be identical with UNSUB.

It is suggested suspect [redacted]
by identified at [redacted] and any logical further investigation
be conducted.

8/1/83 - no record [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] attempt to verify if
[redacted] can be
identified at [redacted] and if
no, obtain background
info.

Tx
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Re OSA
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[redacted] was interviewed in the living room of her residence at [redacted], Oregon, telephone number [redacted]. She was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview to obtain more information concerning her belief that [redacted] Donald Burgess, is D.B. Cooper. [redacted] furnished the following information concerning her background. She stated her maiden name is [redacted], date of birth [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted], place of birth [redacted]. She stated [redacted] was [redacted] from [redacted] was Donald Olney Burgess and [redacted] name is [redacted] who lives in [redacted] and works for [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that she had watched the special on HBO on television concerning D.B. Cooper and the skyjacking. She stated that there was a very strong resemblance in the composite sketch and that of [redacted] Donald Burgess. She stated she first met Donald Olney Burgess in [redacted] when she was living in [redacted], California. She was introduced to Donald Burgess through a friend named [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] is married to a [redacted] [redacted] and last known address for them was in Redding, California. She further advised that Donald Burgess had been a [redacted] of [redacted] and their family. [redacted]

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[redacted], Nevada. While they lived in [redacted] California Don worked part time work painting houses and general carpentry work. Together they [redacted] [redacted] in [redacted], California. The [redacted] for the [redacted] [redacted] was in Medford, Oregon. She stated that Don Burgess claimed that he was in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. She stated he was not a pilot but that he did do some parachuting. She thought that he might have been stationed around the Denver, Colorado area. [redacted] stated she was [redacted]. After they [redacted] [redacted] she discovered [redacted]. She stated that as far as she knew he had no children by any of the [redacted]. She advised his [redacted] and discussed one method was [redacted]

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Investigation on 5/25/83 at [redacted] Oregon File # PD 164-41 - 1899
by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/26/83

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[redacted]. She stated after [redacted] Burgess' own parents Al and Florence Burgess who live in Flint, Michigan, [redacted] of [redacted] in [redacted]. From [redacted] she moved to [redacted] Oregon with [redacted] stated that after [redacted]. She stated that on [redacted]. She stated she last saw Donald Burgess in [redacted]. She advised she was working for the [redacted] and had been filling in [redacted]. She was waiting for [redacted] to obtain the mail from the Post Office. She was sitting in a motor vehicle in the parking area outside the hotel when she observed Donald Burgess come out of the hotel and stop on the sidewalk and stare at her for several moments. She advised that she was sure that it was Donald Burgess.

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[redacted] gave the following description of Donald Burgess:

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Name	Donald Olney Burgess
Age	61 years
Date of Birth	May 26, 1922
Place of Birth	Unknown city in Texas
Race	Caucasian
Height	6 feet
Weight	170 [redacted]
Hair	Light blond, thin consistency
Physical Characteristics	Teeth in good condition, slightly bowlegged from the hips to the knees, heavy smoker, brand Tarytons, favorite drink vodka
Previous addresses	Los Angeles, California area during grade school and high school.
Possible present location	In the Fairbanks, Anchorage area of Alaska
Parents	Al and Florence Burgess, Flint, Michigan
Brother	Robert Burgess, approximate age 63 years, Flint, Michigan

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[redacted] advised [redacted]. She advised that since the [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] believes that Donald Burgess is D.B. Cooper and explains the alias D.B. Cooper as follows: She stated that the "D" in D.B. Cooper stands for Donald. The "B" for Burgess. She explained the last name of Cooper as follows: She stated that Donald Burgess' uncle was an Olney Craft. She stated that he idolized his uncle who was a financier from Flint, Michigan. She stated that Cooper could have been derived from the first initial of Craft for the "C" in Cooper. The "O" in Cooper from Olney, the first name of his uncle, Olney Craft.

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[redacted] advised that she believes Donald Burgess is living in either Fairbanks or Anchorage, Alaska but has no actual facts to support this. She furnished to agents a black and white photograph dated [redacted] depicting four people in a [redacted]. The male subject on the far right of the photograph is Donald Burgess. [redacted] advised that she would contact the Bend Office of the FBI if she had any additional information concerning Donald Burgess.

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Date 6/20/83

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: CODE NAME:
 NORJACK
 (OO: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle is an original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting the interview of [REDACTED], Oregon, on 5/25/83.

For information of Seattle, [REDACTED] was interviewed in reference to her belief that [REDACTED] DONALD BURGESS, might be D.B. COOPER. It should be noted that there are some obvious discrepancies in description between the two subjects, in that DONALD BURGESS is approximately six feet tall and had light blond hair.

In view of the obvious discrepancy, further action taken in this matter should be at the discretion of Seattle.

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Memorandum



Subject United States v. John Doe, aka Dan Cooper
No. CR 76-229
Our File Number: 76-2004

Date September 27, 1983

To [redacted]
Supervisor
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Portland, Oregon

From [redacted]

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We have received an interesting Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from one [redacted] concerning our D.B. Cooper file.

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A copy of the request is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as well as a copy of the envelope in which it arrived at the Justice Department in Washington and what purports to be yet a prior request for the same material.

The tenor of the letter from [redacted] displays, to me, an unhealthy interest in the status of "D.B. Cooper" vis a vis the Federal Statute of Limitations. See page 2 of the handwritten letter.

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The spelling and grammar contained in the letter from [redacted] as he styles himself, combined with the postmark on the envelope coming from Texas while the return address is in North Carolina, leaves some questions up in the air.

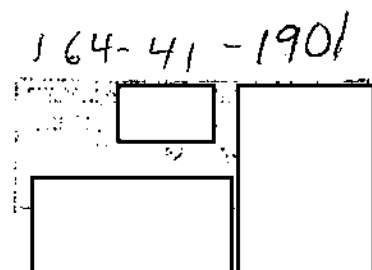
This information is provided to you for whatever use you may wish to make of it.

Thank you.

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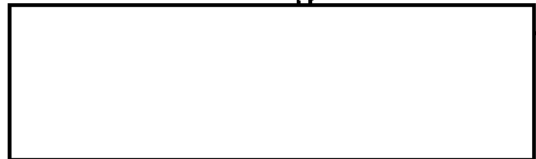
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Feb 5 3 1983

it is very important to my research
also I have tried to get copies of
the FBI Reports and I would like
to know why After 10 years
they won't release them. Isn't there
laws that say After so many years
the hijacker can not be tried on
the crime he ~~was~~ did?

PLEASE note my change of
address and could you please send me
A letter letting me know that you have
received my letter and answering my few
questions!

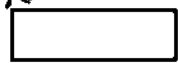
Sincerely,



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Candle, NC



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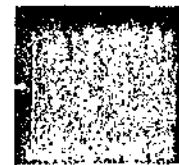
1629 U.S. Dept of Justice
Executive office for U.S. Attorneys
Washington, D.C. 20535

Att



FOIA

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Hampton, Va. [REDACTED]

Type VHC
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

25 April 1983

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 I am requesting access to records on the 24 Nov. 1971 hijacking of Northwest flight 305 by Dan Copper.

- 1- Are there any Complaint for Violation documents?
- 2- Are there any Statute of Limitations for this case.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemptions which you think justifies your refusal to release the information, and inform me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you within 10 days, as the law stipulates.

Sincerely,

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Hampton, Va. [REDACTED]

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FOIA [redacted]

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530



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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (RUC)

Date 10/12/83

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJACK
(OO: Seattle)
SE file 164-81
BU file 164-211

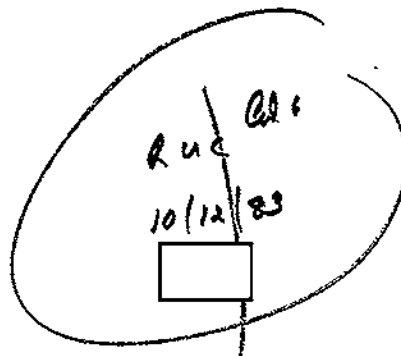
Re memo of SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (retired), 6/1/83.

On 8/1/83, the files of the Oregon State Penitentiary and Oregon State Correctional Institute were checked for any record of a [redacted]. No records for a [redacted] were located at either institution.

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On 8/29/83, SA HIMMELSBACH was telephonically contacted and advised that no record was available on [redacted]. He stated he would recontact his source and attempt to obtain more descriptive data regarding [redacted].

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

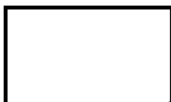
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle are copies of five documents regarding captioned case.

Seattle is being provided the above described enclosures for whatever action it deems appropriate.

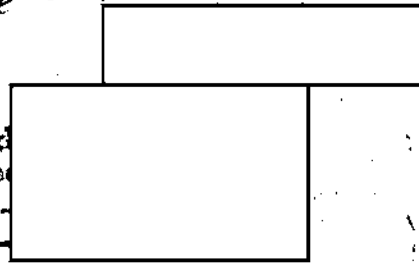
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DB Cooper-43469

Federal Bureau of Investigation
1500 SW 1st
Portland, OR

Gentlemen:

I was studying the July 3rd edition of Northwest Magazine's composite picture of the famous D.B. Cooper and saw a very close resemblance to a student from one of my old yearbooks. The coincidence that the name is almost the same is probably why it may not be the hi-jacker; but the drawing sure looks like an older version of the man in the yearbook. Sorry about the quality of the zerox picture, the yearbook original is of a much better quality.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Milwaukie, OR

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*Age factor eliminates
this individual.*

[Redacted]

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DB Cooper-43470

The D.B. Cooper tale with a 'ho-ho-ho'

If anyone out there still cares about more than the carnival aspects of "The Legend of D.B. Cooper," Signum Books Ltd. of Portland has published a paperback titled "Ha-Ha-Ha" — by none other than "D.B. Cooper."

Cooper, if anyone can forget, was the now-near-mythical skyjacker who bailed out of a jetliner over southwestern Washington on Nov. 24, 1971, taking with him \$200,000 in ransom money and creating a mystery yet to be solved.

The FBI, however, considers the perennial phantom dead. On Feb. 12, 1980, 8-year-old Brian Ingram, playing along the Columbia River nine miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash., found three bundles containing weather-beaten \$20 bills in 12 packets. The bills were traced to Cooper's haul, presumably scattered when the man belied into the ground.

"Ha-Ha-Ha" publishers, however, refuse to let Cooper quietly mold, and have resurrected his *nom de plume* to create another mystery: Who wrote the book, allegedly a semi-fictional, first-person account of the incident?

According to publicist Ivars Bezdech, executive producer of BOSCOM Media Creations, "D.B. Cooper" is the pen name of an Oregon writer whose identity will be revealed in due time."

This, of course, creates another mystery — How many times can left-overs be reheated?

The gimmick in this public relations play is that the book contains seven clues that can lead a reader to the location of Cooper's "Big Score." A certificate on the back of the book, Signum's first, promises \$200,000 to the person uncovering the alleged trove.

Northwest Pages

By Paul Pintarich

Book review editor, The Oregonian



'D.B. Cooper' as sketched by the FBI in 1971.

Northwest poet.

In 1967 Hanson received a fellowship in writing as part of a Rockefeller Foundation Grant to Reed in humanities. In 1972, he received a commission from the Asia Society (New York) for translations of the poems of T'ang Dynasty poet Han Yu; in 1973-'74 the Amy Lowell Traveling Poetry Scholarship; in 1976-'77 a National Endowment for the Arts grant for poetry; and another NEA award in 1981-'82.

A native of Idaho, Hanson has had work published in 14 anthologies, and his poems appear regularly in national magazines.

Reed was the first western liberal arts college to receive an endowment from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust, established in 1966. The distinguished professorship is perpetual, one of 54 such grants awarded since the program began.

Designed to enhance the quality and effectiveness of teaching and the teacher-student relationship at the undergraduate level, the grants are given directly to privately supported schools of high academic standing.

Hanson has been a major contributor to the development of freshman and sophomore humanities at Reed, where he teaches poetry.

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Portland State University English Professor Sam Oakland has been awarded a National Endowment in the Humanities Fellowship in International Studies at the University of Connecticut this summer. Oakland will work on a paper titled: "Containing the Chinese Dragon: A Study of the Non-recognition Policy of the United States of America."

Oakland, a member of the PSU faculty,

Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

Date 3/7/84

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJACK
(OO: Seattle)

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[redacted], Gladstone, Oregon, telephone [redacted], advised the Portland FBI Office on 2/28/84, that after viewing a composite of D. B. COOPER during a television program "In Search of" on 2/26/84, he thought the composite shown closely resembled [redacted] in Roseburg, Oregon, named [redacted] (LNU).

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[redacted] explained that he has seen [redacted] (LNU) on several occasions driving [redacted] between Roseburg and Portland, on Interstate 5. On two occasions in the [redacted] talked with [redacted] (LNU) at Tom-Tom Restaurant, Interstate 5, Albany, Oregon. [redacted] could not recall whether or not [redacted] (LNU) told him his name or whether he just heard his name through a waitress at Tom-Tom.

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[redacted] (LNU) did not talk much but did express that he owned a Toyota Jeep for which he replaced the engine and a used Oldsmobile car. [redacted] recalled he wondered why [redacted] (LNU) was so thrift conscious since [redacted] also recalled that [redacted] (LNU) was quite observant of what went on around him during their brief conversations and was always alone.

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[redacted] described [redacted] (LNU) as follows:

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Race	Caucasian
Age	[redacted]
Height	5'5"-5'6"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Dark brown
Hair	Light brown, short and receding

[redacted] date of birth is [redacted], his Social Security No. is [redacted]. He is presently employed at [redacted] [redacted] work telephone is [redacted].

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

Date 9/2/84

From [redacted], [redacted]

Subject : NORJACK
(OO: SEATTLE)

At 12:50 P.M., writer was contacted by a [redacted]
[redacted], Portland, OR., tel. number [redacted]

Caller stated on the 31st of August 1984, he had found
a parachute riser [redacted]

[redacted] Parachute riser was described as in
poor condition (weathered). Riser was found on the beach
of the Columbia River. Parachute riser was partial buried
in the sand.

Caller believes this item may^{be} connected to hijacker D.B.
COOPER.

SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

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To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

Date 9/26/84

From : IA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

Re memo SPC WEST 9/2/84.

[redacted]
Portland, Oregon, [redacted] appeared in person at the
Portland Office at 12:05 p.m. on 9/4/84.

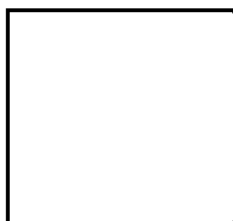
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The above individuals brought in the parachute riser
which they had located on 8/31/84.

The above riser was inspected by Supervisor [redacted]
[redacted] and as no serial numbers could be located on the
item, it is not possible to determine if this piece of equipment
was or was not utilized in this investigation.

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The parachute riser was returned to [redacted].



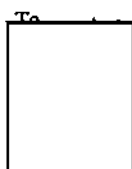
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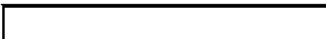
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SUPERVISOR



Date 5/15/84

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SAC THEODORE M. GARDNER

Subject :

VALUABLE EXHIBITS

Rememo ASAC [redacted] 5/11/84 listing valuable exhibits which were transferred from the safe deposit boxes at the Crown Plaza Branch, U. S. National Bank of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, to the security-type, fireproof safe in the Bulky Exhibit Room.

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The following cases which have valuable exhibits in the Bulky Exhibit Room are now closed. You should review these files to ascertain whether the exhibits can be returned to the appropriate agency. If the exhibits cannot be returned for some reason, so indicate on this memorandum.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Seal #</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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91-9523-1B46

91-9796-1B1

91-10023-1B1

91-10120-1B1

91-10134-1B1

91-10138-1B2

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Money cannot be returned as case is not solved (NORJAK)

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[redacted]
Carson City, Nev.
Dec 30. 1984

Dear Sir
Do you have a F.B.I officer in Portland
Oregon, named Theodore Gardener?

I wrote him several week ago, that
I thought I knew where O.D Copper was.
I explained he was in (Elk City Idaho)
Up in the Boon Docks. His name is

[redacted] + his girl friend is [redacted]. She
works at Saw mill at Elk City, [redacted]

also worked there until this fall, then
he had a (massive Heart attack). They
are on a [redacted]

He always carries a gun + they have ②
very nasty Dogs.

[redacted] is a [redacted] + worked all the
ways on Columbia River, the last one

DB-Cooper-43479

CORRESPONDENCE

TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION:

1/15/85

DATE:

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Seattle (164A-81)
Portland

NORJAK 44-111

OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for receiving offices is one copy each of a letter sent to FBIHQ, from [redacted], Carson City, Nevada.

The enclosed letter from [redacted] states that she possibly knows the identify of D. B. Cooper. She claims to have previously written to the SAC, Portland furnishing this information and would like the reward if her information led to the true identify of D. B. Cooper.

Portland should review the information contained in this letter and thereafter, take the appropriate action deemed necessary.

Enclosure

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2 attempt made to
contact [redacted] telephonically
Negative contact.
No further action being
taken [redacted]

No call [redacted]
and thank her for
her info. [redacted]

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
XX AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ ~~TOP SECRET~~
☐ ~~SECRET~~
☐ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
☐ ~~UNCLAS E F T O~~
☐ UNCLAS
Date 3/15/85

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA - HIJACKING (A)
 OO: Seattle

Re Bureau telephone call of Supervisor [redacted]
 [redacted], Personal Crimes Unit, to SA [redacted]
 Sacramento Division, 3/14/85, and telcall of SA [redacted]
 [redacted] to SA [redacted], Seattle Division, 3/14/85.

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For the information of the Bureau and all receiving
 offices, on 3/14/85, one [redacted]
 a white female, date of birth [redacted] who resides at [redacted]
 [redacted] Sacramento, California, provided the following
 information:

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When she was approximately [redacted] years of age, she
 [redacted] to one [redacted] a white male, now believed
 to be approximately [redacted] years old. At the time of this
 [redacted], both were living in Patchgrove, Wisconsin, and
 had known each other for approximately [redacted].

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As time went on, [redacted]
 She lost contact with [redacted] and only saw him once
 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when she was approximately [redacted] years
 old. At that time, he had married and settled down.

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- 2 - Milwaukie
- 2 - Portland (164A-41)
- 2 - Seattle (164A-81)
- 2 - Sacramento

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☐ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ UNCLAS 3/20/85
Date _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (P)
 NORJAK;
 CAA-HIJACKING (A)
 OO: Seattle

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau dated 3/15/85.

On 3/19/85, [] was again contacted by a Bureau Agent at her residence in Sacramento, California. [] indicated that she had not reestablished contact with [], but this was not unusual inasmuch as she has been busy with out of town relatives.

[] indicated during the interview that she wished to cooperate in any manner with the FBI in order to determine if in fact [] is the individual who hijacked captioned airplane. She indicated that she would in future contacts with [] of the hijacking. She stated should he agree to this she would immediately notify Sacramento Office of the FBI and when they were receive she would furnish them to the FBI for the appropriate action.

Sacramento is following this matter with [] and will report any future contacts by [] with [].

DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE CRIME SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 2-Milwaukee
 2-Seattle (164A-81)
 2-Sacramento

Approved: []
 ② Portland (164A-41)

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☐ Facsimile
☐ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/29/85

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (146-2111)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (P)

NORJAK
 CAA-HIJACKING (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/15 and 3/20/85.

On 3/21/85, [] was reinterviewed and furnished the following information:

On the evening of 3/19/85, she re-established contact with [] in Billings, Montana. She [] and attempted [] captioned hijacking. She was only partially successful, inasmuch as [] [] did obtain the following background information regarding [].

During [], he resided somewhere near [] in Denver, Colorado. He claimed that he had been [] and formerly did []. He has four children, two boys and two girls. The two boys evidently reside in the Billings, Montana area and are named []. [] indicated to [] that recently

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 2- Seattle (164A-81)
 2- Sacramento

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provide positively that he is in fact D. E. COOPER. In view of this, Sacramento request that future communications in this matter be forwarded to the Sacramento Division as well as the office of origin.

Additionally, should any office wish to have [redacted] ask any particular question, Sacramento should be advised as to that particular questioned and it will be relayed to [redacted].

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For further information of the Bureau and office of origin, due to hte current file destruction program, Sacramento is not in possession of the first five volumes of the investigation in captioned matter and therefore is not knowledgeable in the direction of the original investigation.

Therefore, if any technical questions arise, Sacramento will need to be advised as to the background nature of those questions.

Sacramento is maintaining contact with [redacted] and will furnish all information on a priority basis.

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DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE CRIME, SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FM BUTTE (164A-26) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (146-2111)

SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (ROUTINE) SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (ROUTINE)

SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (ROUTINE) ~~X~~

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NORJAK, CAA - HIJACKING (A), OO: SEATTLE

RE SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 29, 1985.

ON APRIL 10, 1985, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY),

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[REDACTED], MONTANA, WAS CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
LOCATION OF [REDACTED] ADVISED RESIDENCE

IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MONTANA. A PHYSICAL CHECK
DETERMINED THE RESIDENCE TO BE A CABIN ON PROPERTY OWNED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF BILLINGS, MONTANA.

AT THE SAME TIME CASE AGENT VIEWING RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED], SUBJECT
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DB Cooper-43495

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[REDACTED] HIMSELF APPEARED UNSOLICITED AT THE FBI OFFICE, BILLINGS, MONTANA,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOICING A COMPLAINT CONCERNING A [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OF HIM BY THE COLUMBUS, MONTANA, PD ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT HAVE
MONEY FOR BOND, THUS, [REDACTED] BY DISTRICT JUDGE (STILLWATER
COUNTY) [REDACTED]. THE NATURE OF HIS COMPLAINT

[REDACTED]. DUE TO THE
FACT THAT SA INTERVIEWING [REDACTED] WAS AWARE OF THE CAPTIONED CASE,
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED (PRESENTLY BEING PLACED IN
FORM OF FD-302):

NAME

[REDACTED]

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SEX

MALE

EYES

BLUE (GLASSES)

WEIGHT

180 POUNDS

HEIGHT

5'8"

HAIR

BLOND

DOB

[REDACTED]

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

AUTOMOBILE

1983 FORD PICKUP, MONTANA LIC

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
REEDPOINT, MONTANA [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

SA INTERVIEWING [REDACTED] ALSO RECOGNIZED HIM AS SUBJECT OF [REDACTED]
CASE [REDACTED] OPENED MARCH, 1983, WHEREIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT BILLINGS,
MONTANA, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMATION FROM FILE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED.

PHOTO OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT THE TIME OF [REDACTED] AND BEING
FORWARDED TO FBI, BILLINGS, MONTANA.

SEATTLE DIVISION AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. WILL FURNISH BUTTE
WITH DESCRIPTION OF ALL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND DATA CONCERNING UNSUB
TO INCLUDE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

BUTTE DIVISION AT BILLINGS, MONTANA. MAINTAIN COVERAGE OF [REDACTED]
AT BILLINGS AND REEDPOINT, MONTANA AND DEVELOP INFORMATION REGARDING
HIS ACTIVITIES, ETC.

WILL FURNISH SEATTLE WITH PHOTOGRAPH RECEIVED FROM COLUMBUS,
MONTANA, PD.

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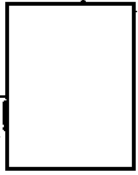
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, BUTTE (164A-26)(P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA - HIJACKING
 OO: Seattle

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 3/15/85.

Enclosed for Seattle and Portland Divisions are two copies each of a driver's license of one [redacted] which license was obtained from the Montana Highway Patrol, Records Section, Helena, Montana.

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared in the Billings Resident Agency of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION and stated that [redacted] STILLWATER COUNTY SHERIFF and the Justice of the Peace of Stillwater County for a [redacted]

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[redacted] then explained that on [redacted] while travelling from Columbus, Montana, to his residence located [redacted], Montana, he was [redacted] by the MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL. [redacted] admitted that he [redacted], however, [redacted] was given a notice to appear in court at Columbus, Montana, on [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that he did appear in court on the aforementioned date, and the Judge, (KOBBER), asked him if he was guilty or not guilty.

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[redacted] advised that he wanted to [redacted] however, Judge KOBBER advised him he [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the Judge evidently felt he [redacted] in the Stillwater County Jail. Inasmuch as he [redacted] Stillwater County Jail [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that on some occasions, it was [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he feels [redacted] by the Judge and the CARBON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT.

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Investigation on 4/10/85 at Billings, Montana

File # BT 164A-26

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 4/11/85

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

From : SAC, BUTTE (164A-26) (P)

Subject : NORJAK
CAA-HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

Date 5/29/85

Re Butte airtel to Seattle, dated 4/16/85.

Enclosed for Seattle, Sacramento, and Portland are two copies each of an FD-302 revealing an interview of [redacted] at Billings, Montana, on 4/10/85. It should be noted that this was the interview conducted when [redacted] appeared unsolicited at the FBI Office in Billings, Montana.

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Butte holding in abeyance further investigation awaiting requested material from Seattle, request made by Butte teletype, dated 4/12/85.

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2 - Sacramento (Enc. 2) (164A-50)
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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

Date 3/20/85

From : AD SM,

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Subject : SEMI-ANNUAL BULKY INVENTORY OF
PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

This file has evidence/property located in bulky exhibits. During the semi-annual inventory, the case agent or other agent designated by the squad supervisor must review the case to determine if the evidence/property is to be retained.

If the evidence/property is to be retained, the agent should initial and date the appropriate space on the case file copy of the FD-192. The agent should also note on this memo that the evidence/property is to be retained.

If the evidence/property can be returned to the contributor or otherwise disposed, the agent should note this on the case file copy of the FD-192 and also on this memo. The agent is responsible for obtaining authorization to dispose of or return the evidence/property to the contributor. Agent should coordinate the return or disposal of the evidence/property with the bulky clerk.

This memo and file should be returned to by March 27, 1985.

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RETAIN EVIDENCE/PROPERTY

Agent's initials

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Date 9/5/85

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(RUC)

NORJAK

(OO: Seattle)
 Bufile 164-2111

Enclosed herewith is a personal letter relating to captioned matter received by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (retired), for whatever action Seattle deems appropriate.

On 7/3/85, Former SA [redacted], now retired and living in Neodesha, Kansas, directed a personal letter to SA HIMMELSBACH (retired), [redacted] in captioned matter, advising that he had a possible suspect in mind and requesting information about the case. He was provided the basic facts, and then sent enclosed letter to SA HIMMELSBACH identifying his suspect as FOSTER WHITE COOPER, DOB 5/17/18. From information set forth by [redacted], it appears that COOPER may be considered a possible suspect.

It should be noted that [redacted] has expressed a great reluctance to be identified as the source of this suggested suspect, and his request that his name not be disclosed should be respected.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

Date 8/26/85

From : AOSM [redacted]

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Subject : SEMI-ANNUAL BULKY INVENTORY OF
PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

This file has evidence located in bulky exhibits. During the semi-annual inventory, the case agent or other agent designated by the squad supervisor must review the case to determine if the evidence is to be retained.

If the evidence is to be retained, the agent should initial and date the appropriate space on the case file copy of the FD-192. The agent should also note on this memo that the evidence is to be retained.

If the evidence can be returned to the contributor or otherwise disposed, the agent should note this on the case file copy of the FD-192 and also on this memo. The agent has the responsibility for obtaining authorization from the U. S. Attorney to dispose evidence. The agent, not the bulky clerk, is responsible for the return or disposal of the evidence.

The above should be completed and returned to [redacted]
[redacted] no later than COB 9/27/85.

BULKY EXHIBITS TO BE REVIEWED

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RETAIN EVIDENCE

[redacted] 09/13/85
Agent's initials Date

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/13/85

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (C)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : UNSUB;
NORTHWEST Flight 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION

On 8/15/85, [REDACTED]
Columbus, Ohio, appeared at the FBI Office in Portland, Oregon.
Interview revealed the following information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he suspects an individual named [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as being D. B. COOPER. He produced a photograph of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which he thinks resembles the description of the
subject. He believes [REDACTED] may be COOPER because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition, [REDACTED] suspects [REDACTED] because
he came out to the Pacific Northwest [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In view of the fact that the individual [REDACTED] suspects
to be COOPER was approximately [REDACTED] years of age at the time of the
highjacking (as indicated by attached photograph which was taken

① - Portland
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in 1971 or 1972), the fact the highjacker was described as being in his mid 40's at the time of the highjacking, and that fact that the highjacking occurred on 11/24/71, while [redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, it is not recommended that any action be taken on this information. It is recommended that this information be filed for future reference.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

Date 11/21/85

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : NORJAK;
NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305,
11/24/71;
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO:Seattle)

As the anniversary of November 24th approaches, it becomes a time of the year when numerous news agencies call for information about captioned case, and it is also a time when many publicity stunts concerning COOPER are conducted to further some commercial enterprise.

Among those persons frequently making news releases and seeking publicity is RICHARD T. TOSAW, 2415 "A" Lawrence Street, Ceres, California. The attached teletype sent to FBIHQ on 12/23/82, describes TOSAW and the nature of his activity. In summary, TOSAW capitalizes upon his being an FBI Agent at one time and uses that association to promote a book that he has written about COOPER. The facts are that TOSAW was an FBI Agent from 3/19/51 to 12/16/55, approximately 30 years ago, and 16 years before the NORJAK incident occurred.

On 11/20/85, SA [REDACTED] received a phone call from a television station in Canada indicating that TOSAW had reported to the TV station that he was "re-opening the D. B. COOPER investigation based on new evidence that he had found." The television station was not aware that TOSAW had not been an FBI Agent since 30 years ago.

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The above information and the attached teletype, which is self-explanatory, are provided to assist in the answering of any impromptu questions concerning TOSAW and his activities.

⑩-Portland
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REF PORTLAND TELCAL TO FBIHQ UNIT CHIEF [REDACTED], CID, AND
SUPERVISOR SEATTLE, THIS DATE.

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PORTLAND DIVISION HAS RECEIVED MANY INQUIRIES INTO THE IDENTITY
OF RICHARD T. TOSAW, PRESIDENT OF TOSAW PUBLISHING COMPANY,
2415 A LAWRENCE ST., CERES, CALIFORNIA, RESULTING FROM FREQUENT
STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH THE FBI, AND
CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION. IN FREQUENT PRESS CONTACTS BY TOSAW
HE HAS REPORTED BEING A FORMER FBI AGENT, AND ALLUDES TO AN
ONGOING ASSOCIATION WITH SAME AND CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION.
TOSAW HAS STATED HE IS WRITING A BOOK ABOUT COOPER ENTITLED
"D.B. COOPER DEAD OR ALIVE?" WHICH HE HOPES TO RELEASE EARLY IN

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1983. SOME PRESS SOURCES HAVE HEADLINED HIS ACTIVITIES AS "FORMER FBI AGENT CONTINUES SEARCH" AND "SEARCH FOR COOPER GOES ON," TO THE EXTENT WHERE PORTLAND HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CLARIFY THAT TOSAW IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATED OR EMPLOYED WITH THE FBI. (FBIHQ PERSONNEL DIVISION ADVISED SA [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER 4, 1982 THAT TOSAW WAS A SPECIAL AGENT FROM MARCH 19, 1951 TO DECEMBER 16, 1955, AND RESIGNED 27 YEARS AGO.)

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PORTLAND HAS BEEN ADVISED BY LOCAL NEWS MEDIA SOURCES THAT TOSAW IS "USING" THE FBI TO ESTABLISH CREDIBILITY FOR HIS BOOK AND USING THE PRESS AND HIS "SEARCH" FOR FREE PUBLICITY. FOR THAT REASON MANY LOCAL TV, RADIO STATIONS, AND "THE OREGONIAN" HAVE RECENTLY REFUSED TO CARRY STORIES CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES. THE OREGONIAN, PORTLAND'S MAJOR NEWSPAPER, DID NOT CARRY THE RECENT UPI WIRE SERVICE STORY. SOME PREVIOUS ARTICLES WERE CRITICAL ALMOST RIDICULING, AS THE OREGONIAN ARTICLE OF NOVEMBER 24, 1982, WHICH STATES "ALTHOUGH TOSAW CLAIMS TO BE

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SERIOUS ABOUT FINDING COOPER'S PARACHUTE OR OTHER BELONGINGS,
HIS [REDACTED] THE RIVER AT A PAINSTAKINGLY SLOW
PACE WITH A LARGE STEEL RAKE ATTACHED TO A ROPE."

ON DECEMBER 15, 1982, A NEWS SOURCE ADVISED THAT TOSAW
RENEWED HIS PUBLICITY EFFORTS, AND THAT A WIRE SERVICE STORY WAS
GOING OUT REPORTING FINDINGS OF PORTIONS OF A PARACHUTE AND MONEY
SACK, PROBABLY THAT OF COOPER'S. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FINDINGS WERE
FURNISHED BY THE SOURCE. THE "EVIDENCE" CONSISTED OF NYLON CORD
AND A BRIGHT GREEN PORTION OF NYLON CLOTH SIMILAR TO THAT USED ON
SAILBOATS. PARACHUTES FURNISHED TO COOPER WERE WHITE, AND THERE
WAS NO MONEY SACK ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE.

PORTLAND HAS CAREFULLY CHOSEN TO NEITHER INTERFERE WITH
TOSAW'S RIGHT TO PUBLISH A BOOK AND DO RESEARCH ON COOPER, NOR
TO INAPPROPRIATELY SPEND GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOLLOWING UP ON MATTERS
CLEARLY NOT ASSOCIATED WITH KNOWN FACTS BUT WHICH APPEAR TO BE
DERIVED IN THE FURTHERANCE OF A PRIVATE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.
AS A RESULT, PORTLAND RESPONDED TO THE DELUGE OF NEWS INQUIRIES
BY SIMPLY STATING THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS FOUND DID
NOT MATCH THE PROPERTIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE THAT LEFT
THE AIRPLANE WITH MR. COOPER.

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PORTLAND IS CONCERNED THAT THE NEEDS OF THE BUREAU AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVELY BE MET.

PORTLAND IS AWARE OF AND SENSITIVE TO THE NEED TO FULLY RESOLVE ANY PENDING INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING OBTAINING AND ASCERTAINING ANY PERTINENT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO SAME. WE ARE COGNIZANT ALSO THAT MR. TOSAW'S EFFORTS, OR ANY OTHER PRIVATE ENDEAVOR, DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE DISCOVERY OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, ANY INFORMATION, LEAD DATA, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC., WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE CONTEXT OF KNOWN FACTS, REASONABLENESS, AND ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION WHICH WILL NOT UNNECESSARILY DIMINISH THE INTEGRITY OF OUR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE KIND OF PUBLIC FORUM GENERATED IN THIS KIND OF CASE.

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SINCE NEITHER THE GREEN CLOTH OR MONEY SACK COULD BE PART OF THIS CASE IT IS RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER ACTION CONCERNING THEM BE TAKEN. IT IS FURTHER THE RECOMMENDATION UACB, THAT ANY LEADS, RESULTING FROM MR. TOSAW'S "SEARCH" BE CLOSELY EVALUATED BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE TO DETERMINE THEIR VALUE IN RELATION TO KNOWN FACTS. ANY RESULTANT ACTION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONDUCTED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE FBI IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MR. TOSAW, THAT HE IS ACTING IN ANY WAY AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE FBI, OR WHICH WOULD FURTHER SERVE AS AN AVENUE OF PUBLICITY TOWARD HIS PUBLICATION. NO PUBLIC COMMENTS SHOULD BE MADE WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE HIS ENDEAVOR; HOWEVER, UPON DEMAND LOCAL SOURCES WILL STILL BE APPRISED OF THE FACTS WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE DURING THIS ELEVEN YEAR INVESTIGATION.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

Date 11/21/85

From : RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH
(RETIRED FBI SPECIAL AGENT)

Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

This will advise that on 11/20/85 writer received a telephonic communication from an individual who claims not to be a witness to this case but requested confidentiality. This person is [redacted]

[redacted] The suspect is [redacted] DOB [redacted] who has resided most of his life in the Portland area. His mother, now elderly, still resides in Portland. Suspect is currently an [redacted]

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By way of background, [redacted] in the United States Army at [redacted]

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Contemporarily with the hijacking in this matter [redacted]

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[redacted] By description he is over 6' tall, medium dark complexion, with penetrating and sparkling very dark eyes. [redacted]

The informant advised [redacted]

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The informant would be available for additional information under very carefully controlled circumstances and would prefer that any contact be made through this retired Agent.

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RPH: [redacted]

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Date 12/3/85

TO: SAC, LAS VEGAS
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE
 BUfile 164-2111

On 12/2/85 [redacted] "Star Magazine" New York City, telephonically contacted SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (retired), former Portland Case Agent in this matter, to furnish the following information:

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He has been approached by one [redacted], a current [redacted] Reno, Nevada, who advised [redacted] that a [redacted], currently [redacted] (a separate institution) in lieu of [redacted] had confessed to [redacted] that he is the perpetrator of captioned hijacking. [redacted] claimed that [redacted] furnished details of the skyjacking, his injuries suffered in the parachute landing, his loss of part of the ransom, his rescue by a miner, and subsequent return to his state of origin, Louisiana. [redacted] claimed previous service as a U.S. Army parachutist early in the Vietnam War.

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AT RENO, NEVADA. Will fully identify suspect, [redacted] and determine whether he might be a viable suspect in this matter.

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NORJACK; CAA-HIJACKING (A); OO: SEATTLE.

REFERENCE PORTLAND AIRTEL TO LAS VEGAS, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1985.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, SEATTLE DIVISION IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS ARE CAPABLE OF IDENTIFYING A SUBJECT IN CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION. SEATTLE DIVISION INTENDS TO CONDUCT A FINAL REVIEW OF THIS INVESTIGATION, NOW 14 YEARS OLD, AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE BUREAU THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE CLOSED.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL

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OTHER DIVISIONS PENDING COMPLETION OF FILE REVIEW AND FINAL DECISION
BY SEATTLE DIVISION SAC AND BUREAU PERSONNEL REGARDING CLOSING OF THE
INVESTIGATION.

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COOPER

Fourteen years after crime, chase goes on

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Every year about this time it happens and West Linn resident Ralph Himmelsbach is getting accustomed to the phone calls and the tips that often are dead ends for investigators.

But this year it was different. The certified letter that arrived at his Marylhurst-area home three weeks ago and the phone call the next day from the letter writer all had the markings of something more interesting than a routine dead end.

After years of chasing the notorious sky-jacker known to law enforcement agencies only as "Dan Cooper," Himmelsbach might have a real suspect in the case.

Although some of the information about the latest in what seemed like thousands of Dan Cooper suspects was a bit sketchy, Himmelsbach was obviously interested. A former criminal investigator not given to false hopes or empty encouragement, Himmelsbach said last week that the most recent suspect had some "very compelling" features that seemed to match a profile of the skyjacking suspect.

"I don't know who D.B. Cooper was, but I have had several very attractive suspects in the past few years," Himmelsbach said.

In mid-November, almost 14 years to the day of the skyjacking, a registered letter arrived at Himmelsbach's home outlining a suspect who, he said, seemed to fit many parts of the description of D.B. Cooper.

'I don't know who D.B. Cooper was, but I have had some suspects in the past few years'

The letter was followed by a telephone call from the same person, saying that he or she had a close relative who fit the D.B. Cooper description, Himmelsbach said. The suspect lives in the Portland area, but Himmelsbach declined to identify either the suspect or the person who brought the suspect to his attention.

Himmelsbach said he turned the information over to the local FBI office, which investigates each new lead to the case.

"It does look pretty good," Himmelsbach said. "The person fits some very compelling parts of the person we think was D.B. Cooper."

The tip was one of about 100 Himmelsbach and the local FBI office receive every November when the area media focus on the infamous event. Nearly all the tips are investigated, and people pointed to as suspects usually are cleared by the FBI, Himmelsbach said.

Dan Cooper dropped into criminal folklore Nov. 24, 1971, when he hijacked a Northwest Airlines' jet on a routine flight between Portland and Seattle. Cooper said he had a bomb in a briefcase that he would detonate if he was not paid \$200,000 in ransom.

(Himmelsbach speculated that the bomb was actually highway flares wired to a 1.5-volt battery. The bomb was never found.)

Cooper demanded that the ransom be paid in \$20 bills. A hundred bundles of the bills — 10,000 in all — were paid through a Seattle bank that kept up to \$240,000 on hand as a humanitarian fund to pay kidnappers and other extortionists.

After a quick 30-minute flight to Seattle, Cooper allowed three dozen passengers to get off the plane and asked that it be refueled to fly to Mexico City. Cooper also asked for four parachutes and that the pilot leave a rear "airstairs" door open during the plane's takeoff from Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

The pilot, Capt. William A. Scott, convinced



RALPH HIMMELSBACH

Cooper that the plane would not be able to take off with the door open, so Cooper agreed to open it after the plane was in flight. He ordered Scott to fly the plane at 10,000 feet, no faster than 170 knots (195 miles per hour) and with the plane's flaps lowered by 15 degrees.

After takeoff at about 7:45 p.m. from Seattle, the plane flew for about 28 minutes when Cooper apparently parachuted into the cold and rainy night over Washington with the bank bag of \$20 bills strapped to his waist.

No trace of Cooper was ever found and he has never been identified.

According to Himmelsbach's profile, Dan Cooper was a man of medium build, described by airline employees as being in his "mid-40s (probably 48)," with slick black hair and "sparkling, piercing, and very dark eyes. He also was a man with a criminal background who probably suffered a severe leg or lower-body injury when he landed in the mountains of southwestern Washington.

Because of the type of parachute he used, and because Cooper did not have adequate equipment to make a jump at night in minus-7 degree weather against winds of up to 200 miles per hour, Himmelsbach said Cooper probably hit the ground "going about 55 miles per hour."



Story by Keyin Harden
Photos by Kirk Hirota

'I don't have a shred of admiration for the hijacker. He was not bold or courageous'

If that did not kill Cooper, Himmelsbach said it more than likely injured him severely.

Although he calls his observations "just speculation," Himmelsbach said the recent suspect was 56 years old (D.B. Cooper would be about 62 this year), had come into a large amount of money in the early 1970s, had a "serious injury contemporaneous with the hijacking," and disappeared for a long period of time in late 1971.

The suspect also had a long criminal history and was "a loner," Himmelsbach said, which made him all the more attractive.

"I have felt for years that most likely we are looking for an ex-con, maybe someone has been involved with the law most of his life," Himmelsbach said.

"There are some suspects who come your way with only one fact that makes it appear they should be a suspect. You have got to be willing to look at anybody, but if you get a guy who turns up with a limp, a lot of money, and he's been missing for a long time around (the time of the hijacking), then it looks pretty good."

Himmelsbach, 59, a retired Federal Bureau of Investigation agent from the Portland field office, spent the last nine years of his FBI career chasing down leads to Dan Cooper.

He retired from the bureau in February 1980, but Himmelsbach did not retire from the chase. He has worked with Clackamas-area author Tom Worcester on a 15-chapter, 190-page book on the case, and, at the same time, Himmelsbach has fielded hundreds of inquiries about the event that captured the romantic fancy of Americans.

Himmelsbach's book should be published next year, Worcester said. A draft of the book is being edited, and several publishers have been contacted, but no offers have been made, he said.

"We may just have to publish it ourselves."

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D.B. COOPER

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Himmelsbach was an investigator and training officer with the Portland FBI field office until he retired. From February 1981 to this September, Himmelsbach was an investigator with the Oregon Department of Justice.

Besides investigating organized crime, fraud and extortion for the state attorney general, Himmelsbach also uses his skills as a pilot to fly police officers across the state looking for patches of marijuana. Himmelsbach said he and other officers had spotted hundreds of fields of the bright green plants from his private plane as he flew missions for various police agencies in the state.

Himmelsbach is a handsome and polite man whose smooth voice booms with authority and excitement as he recounts with stunning accuracy names, dates, physical features and other attributes of suspects he has faced and interesting tidbits of information on cases he has investigated.

He is clearly a man who enjoyed his 28 years and 10 months as an FBI agent and his four years as an investigator for the state Justice Department.

He is also a man who is clearly annoyed at the glamour given to D.B. Cooper's escapades — the same glamour that produced a number of books, magazine and newspaper articles, and even a Hollywood movie, about the incident.

It's unfortunate, Himmelsbach said, but because Americans tend to cheer for the underdog, Dan Cooper has become a symbol of an air pirate who got away with \$200,000 in ransom money and who has yet to be identified or prosecuted for the crime.

It's that mystique that has people in the Pacific Northwest marking the November anniversary of the skyjacking each year with parties and speculation. It's also that mystique that has made Himmelsbach famous for what he called his "biggest failure."

"It's the only unsolved skyjacking case of its kind in the world," Himmelsbach said. "Here's a guy who reaches up and tweeks Uncle Sam's nose and steals \$200,000 and possibly gets away with it. People are looking at it from the standpoint that nobody got injured. Everyone on that plane escaped whole, maybe some with some psychological scars."

Even after all these years, does Himmelsbach feel he has chased a worth opponent?

"I don't have a shred of admiration for the hijacker," he said. "He was not bold or courageous. I think he was stupid and desperate, and criminal."

"I would like to see the case solved. I would like to see it concluded. As a practical matter, I have become famous because of my biggest failure."

Dan Cooper, whom the Portland-area media dubbed "D.B. Cooper" after a Portland Police Bureau check of an area man by that name who police thought was the hijacker, was

not the type of person to be considered a hero, Himmelsbach said.

In fact, if the truth ever comes out, Himmelsbach said the real D.B. Cooper probably was a man with a lengthy criminal history who was a loner and only committed the most famous skyjacking after he saw someone else try a similar parachute escape plan in the hijacking of a Canadian airliner only weeks before Northwest Airlines' Flight 305 out of Portland was taken hostage that day in late 1971.

The parties, the celebrations and the odd tips about possible suspects could all come to an end if, Himmelsbach said, the FBI could only get a break that would lead to the capture — or recovery — of D.B. Cooper and the missing loot.

I didn't catch him, but I think he's still lying close to where he fell because that's where he died

The statute of limitations on Cooper's crime has not run out because a federal Grand Jury in Portland indicted Cooper in 1976 on two counts of air piracy and violation of the Hobbs Act, which deals with extortion and hindering interstate commerce.

D.B. Cooper might not ever be captured, however, because Himmelsbach does not believe he survived the 10,000-foot plunge with an Army parachute that could have failed during the jump.

"I didn't catch him, but I think he's still lying close to where he fell because that's where he died," Himmelsbach said.

Only two pieces of evidence have ever been found in the case — a plastic sign explaining the operation of a rear door on the Boeing 727

jet from which Cooper parachuted, and \$5,800 in \$20 bills (294 of them) that was uncovered in Feb. 10, 1980, on the bank of the Columbia River near Vancouver — and numerous searches of mountainous and wooded areas between Portland and Ariel, Wash., about 30 miles north of Portland where Cooper was believed to have landed, have yielded few clues about the sky-jacking.

Speculation about the case led author Max Gunther to write the book "D.B. Cooper: What Really Happened," in which he said a woman who identified herself only as "Clara" told him that Cooper was actually a man named Dan Laclair who died recently of a heart attack.

Gunther's book, which was published this fall, told the story of how Clara found Cooper/Laclair injured in her tool shed in a rural area of southwestern Washington and nursed him back to health. Clara and Laclair then took the money to Nevada where they "laundered" it by gambling in casinos, Gunther wrote.

In his book, Gunther also claimed that Laclair called him on the telephone from New York where he was living.

"I do not believe that story," Himmelsbach said.

When Himmelsbach met with Gunther two years ago to discuss the proposed book, he believed Clara's story was a hoax, and his opinion has not changed.

"I do not accuse Max Gunther of perpetrating a hoax, but I do think the story is false, for a number of reasons," Himmelsbach said.

In another book, published in 1984, former FBI agent Richard Tosaw claimed that Cooper drowned after he plunged into the Columbia River. Tosaw has spent several years searching for Cooper's remains in or near the river.

Tosaw also offered a \$10,000 reward to anyone who could produce one of the ransom's \$20 bills. His 180-page book includes 56 pages of serial numbers taken from photocopies of the ransom money that the FBI keeps on file.

No one has claimed the reward money.

Himmelsbach said the search for Cooper probably would go on, no matter what the evidence pointed to. Last week, Himmelsbach received a telephone call from a reporter for the "Star Magazine" in New York City who said a man in jail in that state claimed to be D.B. Cooper.

The man's attorney, to whom Himmelsbach has spoken, said the suspect was in his 40s, which would have made him too young to be the real Cooper, Himmelsbach said. "I think he's angling to get some kind of advantage to ease his current situation. It sounds phony to me."

After all these years, Himmelsbach said he did not regret the chase because it was just another chapter in the D.B. Cooper story.

"It has been a very, very interesting investment, and the jury's still out," he said. "There are still a lot of questions unanswered."

Cooper case was most notorious, not best

Ralph Himmelsbach may think the Dan Cooper case is his biggest failure, but he had several successful cases during his 28 years and 10 months as an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Himmelsbach, 59, was the FBI agent assigned in 1971 to the most famous hijacking case in the nation. He has chased Dan Cooper — or "D.B. Cooper," as the Portland-area media dubbed him — for about 14 years, listening to hundreds of tips on suspects and tracking down thousands of dead ends in the investigation.

Although he is known mostly for his work on the D.B. Cooper case, Himmelsbach was the FBI agent who gathered evidence to convict "Frosty" Forsberg in 1966, and to convict Carl Cletus Bowles in the early 1970s. Forsberg and Bowles were wanted on

separate federal warrants for bank robbery.

"The Cooper case was one of my most notorious cases, not my most successful," Himmelsbach said.

Forsberg was convicted in August 1966 of bank robbery after Himmelsbach's investigation. Bowles was convicted of kidnapping and bank robbery in an unrelated incident.

The convictions were marred, however, when both men killed people while not in custody. Forsberg was paroled in 1973 and killed a 20-year-old California woman in 1975. Bowles escaped from prison in the early 1970s and killed a Eugene couple.

More recently, Himmelsbach worked on state investigations in which a juvenile parole officer was convicted of fraud, and the Sisters police chief was convicted of stealing government property.

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On 1/22/86, Photographer [redacted], with the assistance of [redacted], Evidence Clerk, photographed the remains of the currency identified as 1B3&4. The currency was then returned to SSA [redacted] on the same date.

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Date " 6/16/87

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Date 6/16/86

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK;
NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305;
11/29/71;
UAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Portland)

As the famed D. B. COOPER money recovered by [redacted]
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the Portland Division, it is recommended that the above case
be closed.

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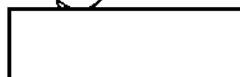
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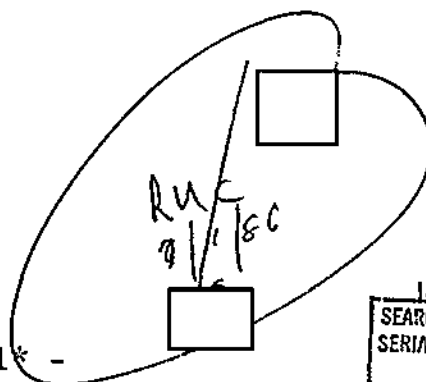
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Date of transcription 6/16/86

On this day reporting agents returned approximately \$5,800 in U. S. Currency, contained in plastic packets numbered two through twenty-two to RICHARD TOSAW. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Globe Indemity, a New York corporation. In addition, four (4) twenty dollars bills in one plastic packet were returned to these parties. The government retained one plastic folder containing several of these twenty dollar bills as evidence. The evidence returned to the above-named parties was contained in bulky number 1B3 and 1B4. Receipts were signed for the evidence by RICHARD TOSAW [REDACTED] which are in the possession of the Portland Division of the FBI. The currency and portions of U. S. Currency were given to the parties to be divided as the parties determined to be proper...

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The one plastic packet numbered number one, which was retained by the FBI as evidence, was returned back into evidence by reporting agents.

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by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/13/86

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND

Date 3/5/88

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Subject:

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On 3/5/88, at approximately 11:00 a.m., writer was contacted by a [redacted] Pendleton, Oregon [redacted], telephone number [redacted], and [redacted] advised that approximately 17-18 years prior to captioned date, she and her husband had been given a painting entitled "The Final Resting Place" by an individual they knew by the name of M. G. COOPER who also was the artist of the painting. She and her husband knew him through [redacted] occasionally. She said the individual told them that the painting was worth \$450.00 but [redacted], he gave it to them as a gift.

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On 3/5/88, [redacted] was cleaning around the area where the painting hung and took it down and glanced on the back of the painting and saw a signature inscribed on the back which read to the effect of "D. B. COOPER". [redacted] advised she had never noticed this before and thought she would call and advise the FBI of her finding. The front of the painting did not have the same signature as the back, and it read "M. G. COOPER".

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[redacted] said the last she heard of M. G. COOPER was that he had disappeared after he gave them the painting and resurfaced having a lot of physical disabilities, and she then heard that he had passed away not long after resurfacing.

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Writer told [redacted] that she would disseminate this information to her supervisor and the matter would be in their hands for what action they thought necessary.

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Date 3/15/88

TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (164-56)

FROM: [REDACTED] SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

NORJAK;
 (OO: Seattle)

For information receiving offices, on 3/7/88, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Pendleton, Oregon, showed SA Samuel M. Mc Pheters a painting which she said was given to her and her husband by an individual by the name of GENE COOPER or M. G. COOPER around 1970 or 1971. She advised that when she went to take the painting down from her wall, in that she was getting tired of it, she noticed on the reverse side the following printing: D. B. COOPER, Route 1, Box 134, Hermiston; name of painting: Final Resting; place of painting, Mind; date of painting, 1970; price, \$450.00.

[REDACTED] advised that upon reading the name D. B. Cooper she became quite suspicious, in that this individual was a very unusual person and may have had some of the characteristics of the hijacker, D. B. COOPER. She advised this individual recited poetry to the point of boring people, was an artist, was married to a lady in her seventies, and seemed to have a fascination for death as reflected in the painting, "Final Resting" that he gave her.

She also advised that this individual had been in a bad accident and had become quite crippled around the time of the hijacking, saying he had been in a car accident. She advised that she had always had a question in her mind, because he had disappeared for a period of time, and then came back later, crippled.

Upon being shown a composite photo of the alleged hijacker, "D. B. COOPER", she said, "It really looks like him." She indicated she thought it looked like him seventeen years ago when she first saw the composite.

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2. EUGENE COOPER is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	Forty to forty-eight
Height	5'11" - 6'2"
Weight	165-180 pounds
Complexion	Light to medium
Hair	Light to medium brown, greatly receded (had dyed his hair black in the past)
Build	Medium to well-built
Facial	Clean shaven
Other	Very intelligent, very articulate
Eyes	Light in color
Past Occupation	Worked in military branch of service in an air traffic control tower, possibly a paramedic
Other Occupations	Automobile salesman and mobile home salesman
Other Characteristics	Wore sunglasses often; possibly from the Midwest; walked with slight limp in early part of 1972; also had recently sustained shoulder injury; had cigarette stains on fingers, right hand; personality very abnormal, described as "goofy", heavy drinker, big spender.

The following description is taken from the file regarding
the hijacker, DAN COOPER:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	Mid forties
Height	6'
Weight	170 - 175 pounds
Complexion	Olive, or medium to swarthy
Hair	Black
Build	Average to well-built
Eyes	Brown
Other	Stewardess [redacted] said possibly from the Midwest; cigarette stains on right hand; also described as being, "laboring type man" as opposed to "office worker."

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SEATTLE (164A-81) ROUTINE

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NORJAK; OO: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND AIRTEL TO OKLAHOMA CITY, MARCH 15, 1988.

ALL OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEADS SET
FORTH IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/18/88

TO : SAC, DENVER

FROM : SAC, [REDACTED] (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
 D.B. COOPER
 NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
 305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
 CAA-HIJACKING AND EXTORTION
 OO SEATTLE

For information of Denver, on 3/14/88, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY-REQUEST), [REDACTED] at Denver, Colorado, telephonically contacted SRA [REDACTED] at the Santa Fe Resident Agency. [REDACTED], who exclusively requested that his identity not be revealed, advised that he is employed at [REDACTED] Inglewood, Colorado, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised the owner of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED], whom he described as a white male, in his [REDACTED] sandy colored hair, blue eyes, 5'7", weighing 180 pounds.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] talks about subject D.B. COOPER all the time and has a fixation about the incident. He claimed that COOPER was with the [REDACTED] when he was involved in the [REDACTED] aforementioned hijacking. According to [REDACTED] has written a book on D.B. COOPER, which he hopes to get published in the near future. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] who has a [REDACTED] was in the State of Utah for awhile. [REDACTED] drives a [REDACTED] with Colorado personalized plates [REDACTED] brags about [REDACTED] although he always seems to have plenty of cash when he needs it. He recently

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] activities were suspicious enough so that [redacted] decided to contact a FBI Agent whom they knew.

For information of Denver, [redacted] is a [redacted] from Santa Fe, New Mexico, and in [redacted] to SA [redacted] while he was employed at the [redacted] in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Discreetly contact [redacted] and interview him in detail regarding [redacted]. Thereafter, conduct logical investigation into background of [redacted] and advise OO, auxiliary offices, and Albuquerque Division in event [redacted] calls Santa Fe RA again of the results of Denver's investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Boise, Idaho:

On April 6, 1988, [redacted], Boise, Idaho, telephone number [redacted], was interviewed at her place of employment, NAME BRAND CLOTHING, 5165 Glenwood, Boise, Idaho, telephone number (208) 322-4403, at which time she was advised the purpose of the interview was to discuss with her an individual known as EUGENE COOPER, who was acquainted with [redacted] JANE MILLER, in the Hermiston, Oregon, area during the early to mid-1970s.

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[redacted] commenced the interview stating that she had been contacted by some FBI Agent by telephone in the recent past. However, at the time of the call, she was unable to speak and ask that she be recontacted. The individual who made the call never did call her back.

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[redacted] also noted that family members have brought to her attention the possibility that the individual [redacted] met may possibly have been "D. B. COOPER" or at least that appears to be the reason family members are being contacted.

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[redacted] stated that she desired to do all that she could to cooperate with the FBI. However, she noted that at the time [redacted] met and later married GENE COOPER, who was known as "COOP", [redacted], herself, was living in Boise, Idaho. She only saw "COOP" on the occasional visits that [redacted] and "COOP" made and these visits were only for about one or two days in duration.

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[redacted] stated that the best source of information concerning "COOP" would be [redacted] who had more contact with "COOP".

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[redacted] then furnished the following information concerning [redacted]:

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[redacted] Hermiston, Oregon, telephone number [redacted] noted that [redacted] should be able to recall almost the exact date of the meeting of [redacted] and GENE COOPER. [redacted] seems to recall that the meeting was at the same time as [redacted] and [redacted] were buying their first motorhome. [redacted] believes that this purchase was made in 1971; however, [redacted] could not state when in 1971 this occurred. Also, along these lines, [redacted]

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would have had contact with [redacted] and "COOP" while they were living in Hermiston, Oregon. [redacted] identified

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[redacted], Muskogee, Oklahoma, telephone number [redacted]. In regard to [redacted] advised that [redacted] and "COOP" were living in Muskogee, Oklahoma, for a period of time prior to "COOP's" suicide, which occurred at Muskogee, Oklahoma. However, at the time of the suicide, [redacted] JANE MILLER, had returned to Hermiston, Oregon, where she was residing at the time of "COOP's" suicide.

[redacted] identified a [redacted] who resides in a motorhome near the beach at Newport, Oregon. [redacted] did not have [redacted] exact address in Newport, Oregon, nor did [redacted] have [redacted] phone number. [redacted] commented that [redacted] did tell [redacted] of the problems she was having with "COOP." It is known that [redacted] suggestion to [redacted] was to "divorce that man."

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[redacted] commented that "COOP" went through many thousands of dollars of [redacted]. However, [redacted] was unable to furnish a figure. [redacted] commented that [redacted] is very upset concerning this information about "COOP". [redacted] stated that [redacted] is quite old, 84-years of age, and has been trying to put the GENE COOPER incident out of her life. [redacted] has spoken to [redacted], and is aware that [redacted] cares not to speak regarding GENE COOPER. In fact, [redacted] commented to her at this stage in her life she is just trying to stay alive.

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[redacted] believed [redacted] met GENE COOPER sometime in 1971, and that was when [redacted] was operating the family service station in Hillsboro, Oregon. Later, COOP and [redacted] lived at the [redacted] in Hermiston, Oregon.

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Sometime in 1973 or 1974, [redacted] and EUGENE COOPER were married in Washington. [redacted] was unable to identify the place of the marriage, but knew that it was over the State Line from Hermiston, Oregon, and not far into the State of Washington. [redacted] knew that [redacted] and COOP were later divorced; however, she was unable to provide the date of divorce, nor the place of divorce.

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[redacted] commented that most of the information she has concerning "COOP" came from [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that in her opinion, "COOP" was a drunkard, dishonest, immoral, unethical, lazy, a leach, was always broke, and was always looking for something for nothing.

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☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
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Date 4/7/88

1 TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
 2 FROM: ACTING SAC, BUTTE (164A-26) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 OO: SEATTLE

5 Re Portland airtel to Oklahoma, dated 3/15/88.

6 Enclosed for receiving offices are two copies of an investi-
 7 gative insert revealing an interview with [redacted]
 8 Boise, Idaho, which interview was on 4/6/88.

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9 Leads in this matter being left to the discretion of
 10 Portland or Office of Origin.

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TO SEATTLE ROUTINE

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NORJAK; OO: SEATTLE

RE PORTLAND AIRTEL TO OKLAHOMA DATED MARCH 15, 1988.

SEATTLE IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEADS SET FORTH IN
REFERENCED COMMUNICATION DATED MARCH 15, 1988. SEATTLE IS REQUESTED
TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISH PORTLAND CURRENT ADDRESSES, IF AVAILABLE,
FOR WITNESSES [REDACTED] WHO WERE
STEWARDESSES DURING THE 1971 HIJACKING, FOR FUTURE INTERVIEW. WILL
ALSO FURNISH PORTLAND ADDRESSES OF OTHER AVAILABLE WITNESSES.

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BT 164A-26

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Boise, Idaho:

On April 13, 1988, [redacted] Boise, Idaho, telephone number [redacted], was interviewed at her place of employment, BRAND CLOTHING, 5165 Glenwood, Boise, Idaho, telephone number (208) 322-4403, at which time she was exhibited an artist conception drawing of D. B. COOPER. [redacted] studied this drawing, and after a few moments replied, "It could possibly be 'COOP' but I cannot be sure." [redacted] identified "COOP" as EUGENE COOPER, who is acquainted with and later married [redacted] JANE MILLER, who resides in Hermiston, Oregon.

[redacted] furnished the additional information concerning [redacted] which information she did not have available when previously interviewed by SA [redacted] [redacted] resides at [redacted] [redacted] Newport, Oregon, and can be contacted in care of telephone number [redacted] [redacted] noted that [redacted] may answer the phone, but they will be able to get in touch with [redacted] noted that [redacted] and [redacted] spend time "out on the beach" and they may not be right at their [redacted] or at their phone.

Also, since last contacted, [redacted] recalled that she overlooked furnishing the name of [redacted] identified this individual as [redacted] Hillsboro, Oregon, telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] again commented that [redacted] has attempted to forget the incident concerning her marriage to EUGENE COOPER, and probably will not talk about the individual. [redacted] apologized for [redacted] action, and all her efforts to try and convince [redacted] to talk about this individual and recall all information about him have been unsuccessful. [redacted] is afraid [redacted] might even furnish false information in her efforts to forget this individual named EUGENE COOPER. [redacted] stated that it is her intent and she understands to be the intent of [redacted] to cooperate fully with the FBI concerning the inquiries being conducted about EUGENE COOPER.

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 4/20/88

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM: ACTING SAC, BUTTE (164A-26) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -
 HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Butte airtel to Portland and Seattle, dated 4/7/88.

Enclosed for the Seattle Division and Portland Division
 are two copies each of an investigative insert revealing interview
 with [redacted] Boise, Idaho, on 4/13/88.

Leads are being left to the discretion of the Seattle
 and Portland Divisions.

② - Portland (Enc. 2)
 2 - Seattle (164A-81) (Enc. 2)
 1 - Butte

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4-18-88

[redacted] Muskogee, Oklahoma, voluntarily appeared at the Muskogee, Oklahoma, FBI Resident Agency and made available one cassette tape containing the voice of M.G. COOPER "COOP" dated January 1972. [redacted] also made available four polaroid photographs reflecting four different instances when "COOP" was photographed.

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[redacted] advised that "COOP" was formerly married to [redacted] JANE MILLER, who was considerably older than M.G. COOPER.

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[redacted] advised that sometime in 1974 or 1975, COOPER committed suicide near CONNOR'S COLLEGE, Warner, Oklahoma, and that was the last known contact with COOPER that [redacted] remembers.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER spent approximately \$30,000 of [redacted] money before she separated from him.

[redacted] advised he has been in telephonic contact with SA McPHETERS, Post Office Box 9, Pendleton, Oregon, regarding M.G. COOPER and SA McPHETERS advised [redacted] to turn the cassette tape and four photographs over to the Muskogee, Oklahoma, FBI.

Investigation on 3-15-88 at Muskogee, Oklahoma

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 4-15-88

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FBI

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PRECEDENCE:

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 4-18-88

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (164A-244) (RUC)

NORJAK;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Portland airtel to Oklahoma City dated 3-15-88:

Enclosed is an FD-302 reflecting an interview with [redacted] on 3-15-88, one cassette tape of M.G. COOPER dated 1/72, four polaroid photographs of COOPER initialed and dated by [redacted], and one Oklahoma State Medical Examiner report of MERLIN GENE COOPER, reflecting an examination on 4-4-74.

For information of receiving office, efforts to locate an arrest record or a police report for MERLIN GENE COOPER, white male, born 7-8-34, proved negative at the Muskogee, Oklahoma, Police Department and the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

No additional investigation regarding this matter is being considered unless requested.

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 2 - Oklahoma City

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TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) PRIORITY

OKLAHOMA CITY (MUSKEGO RA) ROUTINE

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MILWAUKEE PRIORITY

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,

NORJAK; OO: SEATTLE.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, SUSPECT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN CAPTIONED MATTER THROUGH INVESTIGATION AT PORTLAND DIVISION, WHO RESIDED IN PENDLETON, OREGON, IN 1970 THROUGH 1972, LEFT FOR TWO WEEKS DURING TIME OF HIJACKING, NOVEMBER 24, 1971, CAME BACK LIMPING AND INJURED, FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF HIJACKER KNOWN AS "D.B. COOPER," GAVE A PAINTING TO A PENDLETON RESIDENT IN 1972,

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SIGNING SAME "D.B. COOPER," AND DISPLAYED ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CON-MAN, INCLUDING MARRYING A WOMAN THIRTY YEARS OLDER AND SPENDING \$30,000 OF HER MONEY. AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO KNEW HIM PERSONALLY THROUGH FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS THOUGHT HE WAS D.B. COOPER AT THE TIME THE COMPOSITE SKETCH CAME OUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS IN 1971, BUT WERE RELUCTANT TO CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.

THE SUSPECT RETURNED TO PENDLETON, OREGON, JUST BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN 1971 LIMPING, INJURED, SOMEWHAT DEPRESSED BUT WITHOUT ANY OBVIOUS EXTRA MONEY; HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THE HIJACKER MAY HAVE LOST THE MONEY UPON EXITING THE BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT IN VIEW OF THE FACT PART OF IT WAS RECOVERED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN THE PORTLAND DIVISION IN THE LATE 1970'S WHEN IT WASHED ASHORE FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER. THE SUSPECT DEVELOPED WAS 37 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE HIJACKING AND COMMITTED SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 39, ALLEGEDLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET ATTENTION FROM YOUNG WOMEN IN A DORMITORY NEARBY AND FROM HIS ESTRANGED WIFE. SUSPECT HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DUTIES IN PAST MILITARY ASSIGNMENT AND HAD SEVERAL PRIOR ARRESTS FOR FRAUD IN OREGON, WISCONSIN AND CALIFORNIA. IN ADDITION, AUTOPSY AT TIME OF DEATH TWO YEARS AFTER HIJACKING SHOWED SUSPECT HAD A CONTUSION BELOW THE KNEE FROM A PRIOR

INJURY.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED REGARDING SUSPECT: NAME - MERLIN GENE COOPER, AKA JOHN T. TITAN, JOHN COOP TITAN; DOB JULY 8, 1934 (WITNESSES DESCRIBED HIM AS 40 TO 48); POB WISCONSIN; FBI NUMBER 115541D; OREGON SID NUMBER 291 33 33; HEIGHT 6'2"; WEIGHT 170 POUNDS; COMPLEXION - PHOTOGRAPHS RECENTLY OBTAINED FROM MUSKEGO, OKLAHOMA, DEPICTS SUBJECT WITH DARKER COMPLEXION; BROWN HAIR (HAD DYED HIS HAIR BLACK IN PAST); BLUE EYES; SCARS - RIGHT WRIST, RIGHT FOREARM, RIGHT LEG; TATTOOS - RIGHT FOREARM; SOC 397-28-6121; OTHER CHARACTERISTICS - CIGARETTE STAINS ON RIGHT HAND.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION IS TAKEN FROM FILE REGARDING WITNESSES' DESCRIPTIONS OF HIJACKER DAN COOPER: WHITE MALE AMERICAN, MID-FORTIES, 6', 170 TO 175 POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION OR MEDIUM TO SWARTHY COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, AVERAGE TO WELL-BUILT, CIGARETTE STAINS ON RIGHT HAND.

LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. WILL FURNISH ARREST REPORT FROM SANTA ANA SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN 1960 FOR "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" CHECK AND A PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

MILWAUKEE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN. 1. WILL FURNISH ARREST REPORT FROM 1959 ARREST BY MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR "FAMILY

OFFENSE - NON-SUPPORT". 2. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON MERLIN COOPER'S FAMILY THROUGH INQUIRY WITH HIS BIRTH RECORD AT DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COOPER'S PARENTS AND/OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, NOTING COOPER WAS ALLEGEDLY VERY CLOSE TO MOTHER AND MAY HAVE CONFIDED INFORMATION IN HER RELATIVE TO HIJACKING IF SHE CAN BE LOCATED. 3. CONDUCT ANY OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY OF COOPER'S RELATIVES, NOTING HE WAS BORN IN WISCONSIN AND POSSIBLY RAISED THERE.

SEATTLE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. WILL FURNISH PORTLAND AVAILABLE KNOWN ADDRESSES FOR WITNESSES IN THIS MATTER AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT MERLIN GENE COOPER, DOB JULY 8, 1934, WITH ALL LATENTS TAKEN FROM BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENT TO HIJACKING IN 1971. THE BUREAU IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION FROM MILITARY RECORDS AVAILABLE ON MERLIN COOPER, NOTING M.N. USER UMBRELLA NUMBER IN NCIC PRINT-OUT WAS OA-OSP-32061.

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OUTBOX.1 (#160)

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FM PORTLAND (164A-41)(P)

TO SAINT LOUIS PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

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NORJAK; OO: SEATTLE

RE PORTLAND TELCALL OF SA SAMUEL M. MC PHETERS TO IC

, SAINT LOUIS DIVISION, DATED MAY 2, 1988.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAINT LOUIS, SUSPECT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN CAPTIONED MATTER, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: NAME MERLIN GENE COOPER, WHITE MALE AMERICAN, DOB JULY 8, 1934, POB LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN, AIRFORCE MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER AF16395386.

SAINT LOUIS AT MILITARY RECORDS CENTER. FURNISH ANY AVAILABLE MILITARY RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH MERLIN GENE COOPER, DOB JULY 8, 1934, MILITARY RECORD AS REFLECTED ABOVE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164A-41 (P)
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

5/10/88

TO: SAC, Portland

RE: NORJAK

REFERENCE: Teletype 4/7/88
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Portland
SPECIMENS:

This report confirms and supplements Bucal of 4/29/88.

The previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints in this case are not the fingerprints of MERLIN GENE COOPER, FBI #115541D, U.S. Air Force service #AF16395386, born 7/8/34 in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

2 - Seattle (164-81)

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Date 5/31/88

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1 ☐ (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 OO: Seattle

Re Portland teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/26/88.

Enclosed for Portland is one black and white photograph taken of MERLIN GENE COOPER, also known as John Coop Titan, Marlin Gene Cooper on 11/22/60, when he was received in the ORANGE COUNTY JAIL, Santa Ana, California, following his arrest on a RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT, Richmond, California warrant for non-sufficient funds-checks. Enclosed also are copies of his ORANGE COUNTY JAIL booking sheet and a copy of his CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE identification record. The above was obtained from Central Jail records, ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, Santa Ana, California on 5/19 & 5/23/88, respectively.

ORANGE COUNTY JAIL records reflect that MERLIN GENE COOPER was arrested, fingerprinted, and photographed on 11/22/60. He was released on 11/23/60 to Deputy ☐, CONTRA COSTA SHERIFFS OFFICE, Contra Costa County, California.

The following information was obtained from the ORANGE COUNTY JAIL in processing sheet:

Name	MERLIN GENE COOPER
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Height	6'2"

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 1 - Los Angeles

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DATE - TIME 11-22-60 8:00 AM		ORANGE COUNTY JAIL		98107	
TANK # 13918		ADDRESS 13818 GRAYSTONE, NORMAL, CALIF.		CC # 77910	
NAME COOPER, MERLIN GENE		DOB 7-8-34 LA CROSSE, WIS.		CIN # 15-541	
CHARGE VIOL PC 262.5(a)		WARRANT # II		Records Copy	
BOOKED FOR 13918 PD		BOOKED BY		DEPT. 8872	
SENTENCE 11-23-60 - Release on 100% Good Conduct for 12 months.					
SEX	MALE	RACE	WHT	AGE	26
HT	6-2	WT	160	HAIR	BRN
EYES	BLU	SKIN	FAIR	TEETH	OK
BUILD	Med	COMPLEX	Med	BIRTHDATE	8 July 1934
CITIZENSHIP	U.S.	MARITAL STATUS	Divorced	MARKS & SCARS	Tat RFAO two hands clasped with "M" and initials "M G C"
OCCUPATION	Salesman	EMPLOYED BY	Unemployed		
NEAREST KIN	Orpha O Cooper (Mthr)	ADDRESS	La Crosse, Wisconsin		
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P. O. Box 1859, Sacramento

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The following CII record, NUMBER

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MERLIN GENE COOPER

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FBIN 115 541 3
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ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER	NAME	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
ALIAS: JOHN COOP TITAN;				
1-13-59	SO MADISON, WISC B-5511	MERLIN GENE COOPER	NON SUPP WARR	TOT LACROSSE CO, WISC. SHERIFF
2-6-59	PD MADISON, WISC 17264	MERLIN GENE COOPER	PROB VIO & WORTHLESS CHECKS	REMANDED C/O SHERIFF
2-13-59	SO LA CROSSE, WISC 68-59	MERLIN GENE COOPER	NON SUPP & PAROLE VIO BAD CHECKS	6 MOS CO JL LA CROSSE, WISC
5-18-59	PD JAMESVILLE, WISC 5040	MERLIN GENE COOPER	WARR OTHER JURISD	REL BY POLICE
2-1-60	ST. DEPT. MOTOR VEHICLE, SALESMAN S-11123	MERLIN GENE COOPER	APP. VEHICLE SALESMAN	
11-27-62	SO SALT LAKE 77910	MERLIN GENE COOPER	476A PC	
11-23-62	SO MARTINEZ, 90552	MERLIN GENE COOPER	E/R PD RICHMOND (INSUR FOLIO)	
11-20-60	PD, RICHMOND, 34506	MERLIN GENE COOPER	WARR. - C/P (476A PC)	

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

The following FBI record, NUMBER **115 541 D**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Madison Wis	Merlin Gene Cooper #B 5511	1-13-59	non support warrant	TOT LaCrosse Co Wis Sheriff
PD Madison Wis	Merlin Gene Cooper #17264	2-6-59	prob vio & worthless chks	remanded c/o Sheriff see supplement
SO La Crosse Wis	Merlin Gene Cooper #59-59	2-13-59	non support parole vio bad checks	6 mos Co J1 La Crosse Wis
IT Detroit Mich	Merlin Gene Cooper #17264	2-1-59	warrant other jurisdiction	rel by pol
SO Santa Ana Calif	Merlin Gene Cooper #777910	11-22-60	CPC Sec 476A	
SO Martinez Calif	Merlin Gene Cooper #90552	11-23-60	enroute Richmond PD (insufficient funds)	

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Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data furnished the Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

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Date 6/10/88

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: , PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

NORJAK:
 (OO: Seattle)

Enclosed for Seattle is one copy of one tape of voice of MERLIN EUGENE COOPER, one copy each of four photographs of COOPER, and one copy of Oklahoma State Medical Examiner report.

It should be noted that the following criminal record exists for COOPER, who has FBI number 115541D and Oregon SID number 2913333, and also uses the aliases of John Titan and John Coop Titan. His social security number is 397-28-6121:

Arrest	1969	Fraud of Inn Keeper Roseburg, Oregon, P.D.
Arrest	1967	Fraud Roseburg, Oregon
Arrest	1967	Fraud of Inn Keeper Sheriff's Office, Roseburg, Oregon
Arrest	1960	Insufficient Funds Check Sheriff's Office Santa Anna, California

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Date 7/7/88

1 TO: SAC, SEATTLE

2 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

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 4 NORJAK
 (OO: Seattle)

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 6 Re Portland airtel to Seattle dated 3/15/88; and Portland
 airtel to Seattle dated 6/10/88.

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 8 Seattle Division is requested to cover those leads
 requested in referenced communications, pertaining to providing
 9 Portland addresses for witnesses, in an effort to coordinate
 photographic spread and hearing of tape of suspect's voice.
 10 It is noted that a lengthy period of time has elapsed in this
 matter and the Portland Division is desirous that these leads
 11 be covered in the very near future so that the matter can be
 resolved on a timely basis.

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Date 7/28/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK;
 OO: SEATTLE

RE: MERLIN GENE COOPER, Subject Number 1002.

Re Portland teletype to FBIHQ, 4/26/88.

Referenced teletype advised MERLIN GENE COOPER has been developed as a suspect by the Portland Division. Suspect resided in Pendleton, Oregon, in 1970 through 1972. He left for two weeks during the time of the hijacking on 11/24/71. He returned injured; walking with a limp.

MERLIN GENE COOPER's description fits the general physical description of the unknown subject. In 1972, he gave a painting to a Pendleton resident signing the name "D.B. Cooper". At least two individuals who knew him personally through family associations thought he was D.B. COOPER at the time the composite sketch came out in the newspapers in 1971, but were reluctant to contact law enforcement authorities. The suspect has been assigned air traffic control duties in past military assignments. An autopsy at the time of death two years after the hijacking showed suspect had a contusion below the knee from a prior injury.

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2- Bureau
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 1- Los Angeles (164A-497) (INFO)
 1- Milwaukee (164A-36) (INFO)
 1- Oklahoma City (164A-56)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/4/88

On August 2, 1988, ORPHA COOPER, white female, date of birth May 17, 1915, 353 Tyrell Court, Apartment Number 121, Delavan, Wisconsin, telephone number (414) 728-2844, was interviewed at her retirement home. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview Mrs. COOPER provided the following chronology of her son's life.

MERLIN GENE COOPER was born July 8, 1934 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He served at least three years in the United States Air Force, and was discharged in January 1956 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mrs. COOPER had her son's dog tags which indicated his service number was AF16395386.

In the 1950's MERLIN COOPER was an air traffic controller at Midway Airport in Chicago, Illinois and Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin. Mrs. COOPER had saved a business card indicating MERLIN had worked at IMPORT MOTORS, INC. Route 19, JCT 12 5397, Eau Claire, Wisconsin in 1964. She also believed MERLIN worked at DISNEY FILMS in California in 1965. From 1965 to 1966, COOPER was a logger in Oregon. During this time he was in a traffic accident and broke his arm, which required several operations.

In 1966, MERLIN COOPER was convicted of fraud by issuing bad checks and consequently served time at the Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Oregon, from 1966-1967. During this time MERLIN COOPER wrote Mrs. COOPER two letters. Mrs. COOPER gave the letter post marked September 25, 1967 to the interviewing agent so handwriting analysis could be conducted.

From 1967-1968 COOPER worked at an auto garage in Coos Bay, Oregon. In 1969 he managed a filling station in Stoddard, Oregon. From 1972 till his death on April 4, 1974, COOPER resided in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The death was investigated by Detective [redacted] of either Warner or Muskogee, Oklahoma and was latter ruled a suicide.

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Investigation on 8/2/88 at Delavan, Wisconsin File # MI 164A-36

PD 164A-41-1960

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/3/88

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Continuation of FD-302 of ORPHA COOPER, On 8/2/88, Page 2

Mrs. COOPER confessed "MERLIN was kind of a con man", but could not remember him ever signing on of his many paintings D.B. COOPER. She was not aware of his being trained in parachuting or ever having a lot of money. She did not consider them close and did not believe he ever had a close friend.

[redacted] is currently residing at [redacted] Berwyn, Illinois, Telephone number [redacted] works third shift at Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois as a [redacted].

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 (Attn. Laboratory Division, Document Section)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36) (MRA)(P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Director, dated 7/22/88.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a letter written by MERLIN COOPER while he served time at the Oregon State Penitentiary. The letter is addressed to ORPHA COOPER and is post marked 9/25/67. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the FD-302 regarding the interview of ORPHA COOPER.

Enclosed for Portland is one copy of the FD-302 of ORPHA COOPER.

Enclosed for Seattle is one original and one copy of the ORPHA COOPER interview.

Enclosed for Chicago are copies of Milwaukee airtels to the Director, dated 6/9/88, 7/22/88, and Milwaukee memo of 6/27/88.

On 8/2/88, ORPHA COOPER was interviewed concerning her son, MERLIN COOPER. Contrary to other reports, Mrs. COOPER denied that she was close to her son. However, this denial seems to contradict MERLIN's statements made in the enclosed letter. MERLIN also mentioned in the letter that he was expecting a large sum of money and was going bald. (ORPHA COOPER stated that at the time of his death in 1974, MERLIN was almost completely bald. In high school graduation pictures MERLIN had a full head of hair).

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 3)
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- ② - Portland (164-41) (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Seattle (Encl. 2)
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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

Date 8/18/88

From : SA SAMUEL M. MCPHETERS

Subject : NORJAK;
CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT -
HIJACKING
(OO: Seattle)

On 8/11/88, Ralph Himmelsbach, Retired Special Agent, FBI, Portland Division, advised Special Agent Samuel M. McPheters that he has recently be able to determine from one of his sources that [redacted] a former witness in this matter, [redacted] and is currently residing [redacted] the Sheridan, Oregon area. It is noted that [redacted] D.B. Cooper's parachutes and money to and from and was the primary witness in the hijacking incident as captioned.

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On 8/16/88, Special Agent McPheters was in telephonic contact with Investigative Assistant [redacted] relative to this matter, and [redacted] indicated a willingness to make inquiries to locate [redacted] in the Sheridan, Oregon area, where she could later be available for interview.

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PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Investigative Assistant [redacted] is requested to locate [redacted] as requested, and determine her location for future interview.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Milwaukee (164A-36)(MRA)

September 2, 1988

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

LAB. NO. 80808079 D LL

Re: NORJAK;
CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT -
HIJACKING;

OO: Seattle

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Communication dated August 4, 1988

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received August 8, 1988

Specimen:

K5 Two-page letter and envelope bearing purported known
hand printing of MERLIN COOPER

Result of examination:

The demand note in this case was never recovered.

K5 was photographed and is returned herewith.

Enclosure

2 - Seattle (164-81)
2 - Chicago
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)/ROUTINE/

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FBI BUTTE (164A-26)/ROUTINE/INFO

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FBI SEATTLE (164A-81)/ROUTINE/INFO

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CITE: //3670//

SUBJECT: NORJAK; OO: SEATTLE.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND ALL RECEIVING OFFICE,
MERLIN GENE COOPER (DATE OF BIRTH JULY 8, 1934), SHOULD BE
ELIMINATED AS A SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER, IN THAT INVESTIGATION BY
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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THE PENDLETON, OREGON, RESIDENT AGENCY, DETERMINED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1988, THAT COOPER WAS AN IN-PATIENT AT THE WALLA WALLA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, FROM OCTOBER 18, 1971, THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 1971. IT IS NOTED THE HIJACKING OCCURRED NOVEMBER 24, 1971. SPECIFICALLY, NURSES NOTES FOR THE DAY OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, WOULD ELIMINATE SUSPECT.

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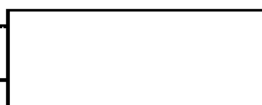
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October 5, 1988

Special Agent In Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon 97207

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Sarasota, FL [redacted]

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The Honorable Senator William Proxmire
S.D. 530
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: CASE OF D.B.COOPER / skyjacking

I am forwarding this information with the expectation that it will be followed up on in a professional manner and not merely dismissed with a wave of the hand, as was the case when I first reported this to the Security Chief at Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine State Prison [redacted]

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One of the prisoners [redacted] told me that he had lots of money waiting for him on the outside. That statement in and of itself does not mean anything, but let us put the whole picture together. The party in question was not from Wisconsin, but came [redacted] from a tri-state area where Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota come together. He was serving time [redacted] and know this to be true.

The coincidence that most intrigues me, and my reason for once again bringing this matter to authorities, is that [redacted] are so interesting. His name in the Wisconsin State Prison system was [redacted]. [redacted] was also an avid aviation buff and outdoorsmen; [redacted] was a solitary figure in the prison population, [redacted]. He often spoke of survival in the wilderness. He was [redacted].

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I hope that this confidential information will be of some help to you, no one will ever know unless you check out this lead. Good Luck, let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

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Yours in community [redacted]
[redacted]

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Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

Date 10/11/88

From : SA SAMUEL M. MC PHETERS

Subject : NORJAK
(OO: Seattle)

Re Portland airtel to Seattle dated 6/10/88.

In referenced communication it was noted that the following criminal record exists for suspect MERLIN EUGENE COOPER, who has FBI number 115541D, Oregon SID number 2913333, and also uses the aliases of John Titan and John Coop Titan. His social security number is 397-28-6121 and he has a date of birth 7/8/34. Prior arrests include the following:

1. Arrest, 1969, fraud of innkeeper, Roseburg, Oregon, Police Department
2. Arrest, 1967, fraud, Roseburg, Oregon.
3. Arrest, 1967, fraud of innkeeper, Sheriff's Office Roseburg, Oregon.

LEAD

PORTLAND DIVISION

AT ROSEBURG, OREGON. Will obtain all pertinent arrest records, reports, and photographs and make available to Pendleton Resident Agent.

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Date 6/9/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36)(MRA)(P)
 NORJAK;
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
 OC: SEATTLE

Re Portland teletype, 4/26/88, captioned as above.

On 5/2/88, [REDACTED], Madison Police Department (MPD) Records, Madison, Wisconsin, reviewed MPD records for MERLIN GENE COOPER and advised that COOPER was arrested on 2/6/59 for probation violation and issuing worthless checks; 6/24/60 for issuing worthless checks; and again on 2/4/61 for two counts of issuing worthless checks. At the time of his 2/4/61 arrest, COOPER listed a permanent residence address of 13718 Graystone, Norwalk, California.

[REDACTED] advised that the arrest reports for the above offenses were microfilmed and the original reports destroyed. The microfilm printer for the format in which these records were copied was now broken and repair parts were no longer available. The film was therefore sent to the University of Wisconsin Media Laboratory for transfer to a more modern format. Copies of the actual reports were finally obtained on 5/19/88. A review of these reports indicates COOPER, in addition to writing worthless checks, was wanted for non-support in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. No information is contained in the records identifying any of COOPER'S relatives. COOPER did serve one year at the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin.

On 5/19/88, a review of birth records at the Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics, Madison, Wisconsin, determined that COOPER was born 7/8/34 to SILAS BYRON COOPER and ORPHA GRIFFIN COOPER. The COOPERS' residence was listed as Coon Valley,

2-Bureau (164-2111)
 2-Los Angeles
 2-Seattle

② Milwaukee (164A-36)

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Wisconsin. MERLIN GENE COOPER was born in the Township of Campbell, located in LaCrosse County, Wisconsin.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

If not already accomplished, conduct investigation to identify relatives or associates of COOPER at Norwalk, California:

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT COON VALLEY, WISCONSIN

Will attempt to obtain information on MERLIN COOPER'S family, noting that COOPER was allegedly very close to his mother, and may have confided information in her relative to hijacking if she can be located.

Attempt to identify other relatives or associates of COOPER, inasmuch as he may have been raised in that area.

Will review records at LaCrosse County Register of Deeds Office regarding charges of non-support which were filed against MERLIN GENE COOPER in an attempt to identify ex-spouse or other relatives.

Copy of referenced Portland teletype attached for assistance of lead agent at LaCrosse.

Memorandum



To : SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36) (P)

Date 6/27/88

From : SA REUBEN M. HERRMANN

Subject : NORJAK;
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
OO: SEATTLE

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau, dated 6/9/88.

On 6/16/88, MICHAEL RAASCH, Chief of Police, Coon Valley, Wisconsin, was contacted regarding any knowledge he has of the family of MERLIN GENE COOPER, a white male, born 7/8/34 and/or any of [redacted] who might reside in Coon Valley at the present time, or who may have resided in the area at any point in the past. RAASCH advised that he has lived his entire life in Coon Valley, Wisconsin and he has never heard of any [redacted] living in the area.

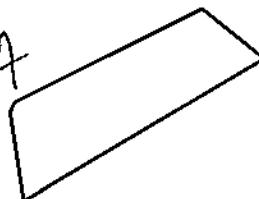
On 6/16/88, [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] [redacted], Wisconsin, was contacted. [redacted] stated that MERLIN GENE COOPER was [redacted]. She explained that COOPER married [redacted]. She stated that [redacted]. They were married at Decorah, Iowa. At the time they were married, COOPER was in the U.S. Air Force, and immediately after [redacted] and MERLIN were married they went to Europe, where he was assigned duties as an air traffic controller. Upon his release from military service in 1955 (approximate) MERLIN and [redacted] moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where MERLIN was employed as an air traffic controller at Truax Field. [redacted] stated that COOPER was almost continuously unfaithful to [redacted], and in [redacted] filed for a divorce.

A review of plaintiff and defendant file number [redacted] in [redacted] Circuit Court reveals that [redacted] was divorced from MERLIN on [redacted]. At that time, MERLIN COOPER was residing at Truax Park, Number 6-M, Madison, Wisconsin.

②- Milwaukee (164A-36)



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The file reflects that MERLIN and [redacted],
[redacted] born [redacted]

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[redacted] (supra) continued by stating that shortly after MERLIN and [redacted] were divorced, MERLIN moved to the western part of the U.S., believed to be the State of Washington. She stated that she did not know what sort of work he did in that region, but she is quite sure that he was married two more times after his divorce from [redacted]. She further stated that [redacted] and [redacted], had no contact with MERLIN COOPER whatsoever after the divorce which was finalized in [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that she did recall that MERLIN COOPER committed suicide while living in the western part of the U.S. She recalled that the year was approximately 1972. She stated that COOPER apparently had no friends or family in that part of the U.S. and COOPER'S mother, ORPHA COOPER, ordered his body to be returned to La Crosse, Wisconsin for burial.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] has remarried, and she has serious health problems, in that she is recovering from major surgery following the discovery of an [redacted] in [redacted]. She pointed out that [redacted] has had a number of problems and for the last several years, [redacted], has been raising LINDA. She stated that [redacted] has had [redacted] and [redacted]. She reiterated that neither [redacted] has had any contact whatsoever with MERLIN since the divorce in [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that SILAS COOPER, MERLIN'S father, died in 1952.

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She stated that ORPHA COOPER, MERLIN'S mother, is approximately 74 years of age and she resides in an apartment complex for elderly people in the community of Delavan, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that she does have some contact with ORPHA COOPER and she stated that she is quite certain that ORPHA has no knowledge whatsoever of MERLIN COOPER possibly being identical with the subject in captioned matter. She suggested that extreme tact be used in any approach to ORPHA COOPER inasmuch as she is not in very good health.

[redacted] stated that ORPHA COOPER has [redacted] [redacted], who lives near Baraboo, Wisconsin and who might [redacted] in that community. She added that ORPHA COOPER has a daughter, but she does not know the daughter's name nor does she know where the lady lives.

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[] recalled that MERLIN COOPER was commonly called "COOP" by family and friends while he was living in the La Crosse area. She stated that he was a rather handsome individual, about 6'0" of medium to heavy build. She stated that he had dark brown hair and she stated that he looked somewhat the movie actor, PAUL NEWMAN. She recalled that when she viewed MERLIN COOPER'S body prior to burial, he had lost a considerable amount of weight and his hairline had receded considerably. She added that she thought that the reason that MERLIN COOPER committed suicide was due to the fact that he had been diagnosed as having cancer, but she was not certain of this information.

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Contact with ORPHA COOPER at Delavan, Wisconsin is left to the discretion of case agent in this matter. If ORPHA COOPER is contacted, it is suggested that extreme discretion be used in contact inasmuch as Mrs. COOPER is allegedly not in good health.

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Date 7/22/88

1 TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-21111)
 2 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36)(MRA)(P)
 3 NORJAK;
 4 CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
 5 OO: SEATTLE

6 Re Milwaukee airtel, 6/9/88, captioned as above.

7 On 6/16/88, MICHAEL RAASCH, Chief of Police, Coon Valley, Wisconsin, advised that he has lived his entire life in Coon Valley, Wisconsin and has never heard of any family named [redacted] living in that area. b6 b7C

8 On the same date, [redacted] (protect identity),
 9 [redacted] Wisconsin,
 10 advised that MERLIN GENE COOPER was [redacted].
 11 She explained that COOPER married [redacted]
 12 on [redacted] at Decorah, Iowa. At the time of the marriage COOPER
 13 was in the U.S. Air Force and immediately following the marriage
 14 [redacted] and MERLIN went to Europe, where COOPER was assigned
 15 duties as an Air Traffic Controller. Upon his release from
 16 military service in 1955 (approximate), MERLIN and [redacted] moved
 17 to Madison, Wisconsin, where MERLIN was employed as an Air
 18 Traffic Controller at Truax Field. COOPER was almost continuously
 19 unfaithful to [redacted], and in [redacted] filed for divorce.

20 A review of plaintiff and defendant file [redacted] in
 21 [redacted] Circuit Court, reveals that [redacted] was
 22 divorced from MERLIN on [redacted]. At that time MERLIN COOPER was
 23 residing at Truax Park, #6-M, Madison, Wisconsin. The file
 24 reflects that MERLIN and [redacted] born [redacted].

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 30 [redacted]
 31 Approved: [redacted]

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[redacted] continued by stating that shortly after MERLIN and [redacted] were divorced, MERLIN moved to the western part of the United States, possibly the State of Washington. She stated she did not know what sort of work he did in that region, but she is quite certain that he was married two more times after his divorce from [redacted]. She further stated that [redacted] and [redacted] had no contact with MERLIN COOPER whatsoever after the divorce, which was finalized in [redacted].

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According to [redacted] has now remarried and she has serious health problems, inasmuch as she is recovering from major surgery following the discovery of an [redacted] in [redacted]. [redacted] has had a number of problems and for the past several years [redacted] has been [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] in the past, and she reiterated that neither [redacted] has had any contact whatsoever with MERLIN since [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that she did recall MERLIN COOPER committed suicide while living in the western part of the U.S.. She recalled that the year was approximately 1972, and that COOPER apparently had no friends or family in that part of the U.S., so COOPER'S mother, ORPHA COOPER, requested that his body be returned to LaCrosse, Wisconsin for burial.

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[redacted] recalled that MERLIN COOPER was commonly called "COOP" by family and friends while he was living in the LaCrosse area. She stated he was a rather handsome individual, about 6'0" of medium to heavy build. She stated that he had dark brown hair and it was her opinion that he somewhat resembled movie actor Paul Newman. She recalled that when she viewed MERLIN COOPER'S body prior to burial, he had lost a considerable amount of weight and his hairline had receded considerably. She added that she thought the reason MERLIN committed suicide was due to the fact that he had been diagnosed as having cancer, but she was not certain of this information.

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She advised that ORPHA COOPER, MERLIN'S mother, is approximately 74 years old and now resides in an apartment complex for elderly people in the community of Delavan, Wisconsin.

[redacted] stated that she does have some contact with ORPHA COOPER, and she stated that she is quite certain that ORPHA has no knowledge whatsoever of MERLIN COOPER possibly being identical with the subject in captioned matter. She further suggested that extreme tact should be used in any approach to ORPHA COOPER, inasmuch as the matriarchal COOPER is not in good health.

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According to [redacted], ORPHA COOPER has [redacted], who lives near Baraboo, Wisconsin, and who might

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[redacted] in that community. She added that ORPHA might also have a daughter, but she does not know the daughter's name, nor does she know where she lives.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT DELAVAN, WISCONSIN - [redacted]

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Will locate and interview ORPHA COOPER, noting that MERLIN COOPER was allegedly very close to his mother and may have confided information to her relative to the hijacking. Additionally, attempt to identify COOPER'S [redacted] and determine her whereabouts for possible interview.

DUE TO THE DELICATE NATURE OF ORPHA COOPER'S HEALTH, UTMOST DISCRETION SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN THIS INTERVIEW.

AT BARABOO, WISCONSIN

Will locate and interview [redacted] of MERLIN COOPER, regarding any knowledge he might have of COOPER'S involvement in captioned hijacking. Additionally, will attempt to identify COOPER'S [redacted] and determine her whereabouts for possible interview.

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Date 8/16/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36) (MRA) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to Director, 7/28/88, captioned
 as above.

For information and evaluation of Seattle, [redacted]

[redacted], Baraboo, Wisconsin, telephone number [redacted],
 [redacted], advised that [redacted] MERLIN GENE COOPER,
 who is now deceased. He advised that MERLIN COOPER was a
 pathological liar and a con man, and he would not be at all
 surprised if [redacted] was determined to be identical to
 hijacker D.B. COOPER. He stated that in about 1971, when the
 D.B. COOPER story broke and artists' drawings of D.B. COOPER
 were printed in newspapers, he thought to himself that the
 artists' drawings bore a striking resemblance to [redacted]
 MERLIN COOPER.

He advised that [redacted] was in the U.S. Air
 Force in Europe, and, upon his discharge from the Air Force,
 worked as an air traffic controller at Midway Field in

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Chicago, Illinois, and at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin. He stated that in about 1956 or 1957, [redacted] was arrested for writing bad checks and served some time in Waupun State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wisconsin. He stated that in approximately [redacted] became divorced from his wife, [redacted] who now lives in the La Crosse, Wisconsin, area, and [redacted] moved from Wisconsin, and he had no contact whatsoever with [redacted] for approximately 10 years. He stated that, subsequent to about 1959, he never did see [redacted] again before he died, but he did periodically correspond with [redacted] by letter and telephone from about 1969 until [redacted] death in 1973. He stated that [redacted] called him two days before he died and said that he did not have much longer to live, but that [redacted] did not elaborate on that statement.

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He stated that he never heard [redacted] use the name D.B. COOPER, and [redacted] never mentioned the D.B. COOPER hijacking in his letters or telephone conversations. He further advised that, although [redacted] was very knowledgeable about airplanes from his Air Force and air traffic controller experience, he has never known [redacted] to have any knowledge of or experience in parachutes or sky diving.

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He stated that he is not aware of any leg injuries which [redacted] might have sustained in 1971 or prior to that time, but he believes that [redacted] did sustain some arm injuries at about that time when [redacted] was apparently injured in a truck accident in Oregon. He further advised that [redacted] was quite a good artist and painted a picture for him on one occasion, but he no longer has this painting and cannot remember if or how the painting was signed. He stated that [redacted] ORPHA COOPER, may presently have this painting and probably has some other paintings by MERLIN COOPER, and he advised that ORPHA COOPER also keeps a diary and may have documented her contacts with MERLIN COOPER over the years.

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He stated that the address of [redacted] ORPHA COOPER, is 353 Tyrell Court, Delavan, Wisconsin, telephone number 414/728-2844, and he stated that he believes [redacted] is in relatively good health. He further advised that the only [redacted] but he does not have her address or telephone number. He stated that he believed [redacted] would have the address and telephone number.

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[redacted] advised that he could furnish no further information in this matter.

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Investigation is continuing in the Milwaukee Division,
and FBIHQ and Seattle will be kept advised of developments.

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Dear Mom:

24 September 67

Well: ITS BEEN A LONG TIME HASNT IT? I COULD GUESS IT WAS AS HARD FOR YOU TO WRITE THAT LOT BETTER AS IT IS FOR ME TO WRITE THIS ONE.

ITS BEEN ABOUT EIGHT YEARS NOW SINCE I HAVE SEEN YOU. SEEMS MUCH LONGER. I'M 33 NOW AND I'M SURE IVE LIVED THE LIFE OF MOST PEOPLE YOUR AGE. THATS WHY I CAN UNDERSTAND THE UNHAPPINESS IN YOUR LIFE. FOR ONE PERSON OR ANOTHER I'M SURE I HAVE BEEN A GOOD PART OF THE UNHAPPINESS YOU HAVE HAD. I WISH IT COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT. WHAT HAPPENED?

UP UNTIL ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS AGO I NEVER TOOK THE TIME TO WORRY OR WONDER WHY THINGS TURNED OUT AS THEY HAVE. PERHAPS NOW I KNOW. I'M PROBABLY PLEASED NOW TO THE MAN YOU WANTED ME TO BE THEN EVER BEFORE. IN FACT I DON'T HARDLY BELIEVE HOW MUCH MY THINKING HAS CHANGED.

YOU KNOW THE ONLY THING THAT BOTHERS ME RIGHT NOW IS HERE I AM 33 YEARS OLD AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CLOSE FRIEND. I GUESS UP UNTIL NOW I NEVER REALLY WANTED ONE. FOR ONE THING IF YOUR NOT CLOSE WITH SOMEONE THEY SURE CANT HURT YOU.

YOU KNOW ITS ONE THING NOT TO HAVE COMPASSION FOR ANYONE, BUT ITS MUCH HARDER TO HAVE COMPASSION FOR MANY AND NOT BE ABLE TO SHOW IT. AS YOU CAN SEE LIFE HASNT BEEN THE HAPPIEST FOR ME EITHER. I KNOW WHOS FAULT THAT IS, ITS MINE. WAS I LIKE THAT AS A LITTLE BOY?

I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS SMALL I LIKED EVERYBODY AND WANTED THEM TO LIKE ME. SOMEWHERE I GOT THE IDEA, "AND I DON'T KNOW HOW OLD I WAS WHEN THIS HAPPENED," THAT I WASNT GETTING MY SHARE IN RETURN.

So I guess that's why I became the way I have been. I know I was wrong but, do I deserve all the blame? maybe this seem childish for me to say at this time, but I don't think so.

I may be wrong but, I think that you and I looked for many of the same things in life. I can't explain why I think this way but I do. Also I think both of us have missed many of these things. If this is true I really know how much you have suffered.

I know when I was small I did some things that made you proud. As easy as ~~the~~ everything was for me I'm sure if things would have went right you would be the proudest mother alive. So I guess I've cheated you out of many years. I don't wish to cheat you out of any more.

This first half of life has been full of mistakes. Maybe though enough profit has been gained to make the next half that much better. I will try to gain from now on all that I have missed. I have no doubt that this will be accomplished. Ofcourse I can't undo all the suffering I have caused. I wish there was some way I could. If there was I would do it.

You know ever since I was pretty small I was unhappy. Did I seem like that to you? You remember how much I went up into the Bluffs alone? or didn't you know that I went alone? I did because I wanted to be alone. I never seemed to be able to put across how I really felt. So I gave up trying. I told people what they wanted to hear, even when I didn't mean it. That's how things got so mixed up for me.

So I would then be backed up in a corner. When I was backed in a corner, I had to get out. I got out the easiest way for myself so someone always got hurt. I never wanted to hurt anyone but I did. I never realized that I had been hurt too and would have to pay some day, maybe I'm not through paying, but what ever I have coming I'll take it like a man.

(You know) this last wife of mine gave me as bad a deal in life as I gave

[redacted] I tried to give to her everything that I hadn't given [redacted] Bought a home, had two cars, lived in a real nice part of town and had all new furniture. Now I'm back to nothing. Also had one of the finest [redacted] in the world. So I'm a grandmother again.

[redacted] I will try and get some pictures for you.

You remember how much I use to draw? For almost all my life I wanted to be an artist. I was well on my way until a year and a half ago. I have painted over one hundred oil paintings. I have many ribbons and awards. I have sold 64 of them. I have given the rest away.

Now I don't know if I will be able to paint that good again. I was driving a big logging truck in the mountains and I had an accident. I've had my right wrist and arm in a cast ever since. Last month I had my third operation. I will probably need one more and then I will never be able to move my wrist again. So that may really hinder my painting.

OTHER THAN THAT I AM FINE, 6'2" AND
A 195 LBS. ALSO GOING BACK TO FAST. SO
I DON'T HAVE THAT YOUNG LOOK ANY MORE, LOSING
MY HAIR IN THE SAME PLACES GRANDPA CHARLIE
DID. THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME BECAUSE I LOVED
GRANDPA ALL MY LIFE. I ALWAYS FELT REAL CLOSE
TO HIM AND GRANDMA. GRANDMA DOESN'T LOOK
A DAY OLDER ON THE PICTURE. PLEASE SAY HELLO
TO HER AND [REDACTED] WHEN YOU SEE OR WRITE
TO THEM. TELL GRANDMA I'M SURE I KNOW
I'VE HURT HER TOO. ALSO [REDACTED] BECAUSE SHE
WAS ALWAYS GOOD TO ME. I WILL WRITE TO
THEM IF THEY WISH. I DON'T HAVE THEIR ADDRESSES.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO WRITE. I HOPE
THIS LETTER EXPLAINS A FEW THINGS TO YOU. I
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A LONG TIME BEFORE WE WERE
IN CONTACT AGAIN. I WANTED EVERYTHING IN
MUCH BETTER SHAPE BEFORE I WROTE OR CAME
TO SEE YOU. IN A FEW MONTHS THINGS MAY
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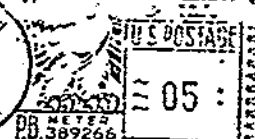
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LOVE
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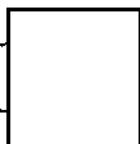
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT THESE PICTURE BACK.

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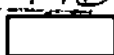
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P.O. Box 408

CHRISTMAS VALLEY, ORE.

MIGHT BE D. B. COOPER.

HE LIVES AT THE AIRPORT, IN CHRISTMAS VALLEY.

CHRISTMAS VALLEY IS A REMOTE AREA.

HE IS A PILOT.

HE OWNS TWO PLANES.

HE IS IN HIS EARLY SIXTIES.

HE IS TALL AND THIN.

HE RESEMBLES THE SKETCH OF

D. B. COOPER.

HE IS INTELLIGENT.

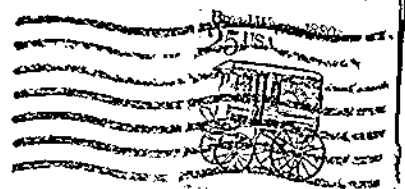
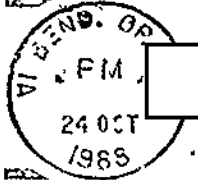
HIS SCRUPLES ARE QUESTIONABLE.

HE BOASTS HE DOES NOT PAY

INCOME TAX.

CHRISTMAS VALLEY IS IN DIRECT

LINE FROM PORTLAND TO RENO.



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Date 11/15/88

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (164A-)
 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (164A-402) (P) (PARA)

NORJACK;
 CAA-HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re: Seattle airtel to Bureau,
 dated 5/20/88.

Enclosed herewith for the St. Louis Division are
 the following items:

1. One copy of Seattle LHM dated 11/28/71, setting forth the synopsis of captioned aircraft hijacking and an artist's drawing of the unknown subject, also known as (aka) D. B. COOPER.
2. One photographic lineup consisting of the following six photographs:

a.
 JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY
 POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Photo
 Taken

b. Unidentified white male,
 NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON,
 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
 Photo
 Taken

2-St. Louis (Encls. 2)
 2-Portland (164A-)
 1-Sacramento (164A-) (Info)
 1-San Francisco (164A-220) (Info)
 1-Seattle (164A-81) (Info)

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For additional information of St. Louis and Portland Divisions, it should be noted that the enclosed photo of suspect LARRY WILLIAM QUANDT (Photo # 3), was taken in November of 1969 which is approximately two years before the hijacking.

In displaying the enclosed photo spread to the above witnesses, it is requested that if in the event the witnesses are unable to make a positive identification, the interviewing agent should attempt to determine if any or all of the individuals depicted in the photos can be positively eliminated as a suspect.

LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will contact former stewardess [redacted] at telephone number [redacted], and thereafter display to her the enclosed photographic lineup.

2. Will thereafter forward the enclosed photo spread to the Portland Division for display to former stewardess [redacted]

PORTLAND DIVISION

AT EUGENE, OREGON

Upon completion of the above investigation by the St. Louis Division, will display the photographic lineup to former stewardess [redacted], now known as [redacted] Eugene, Oregon,

2. Will return original photographic lineup and FD-302s to the Newark Division.

NEWARK DIVISION

AT PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Will attempt to develop additional background information on suspect LARRY WILLIAM QUANDT.

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Date 11/7/88

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to Director, FBI, 7/28/88.

Enclosed are copies of an Oklahoma City airtel to Portland dated 4/18/88, and a St. Louis airtel to Portland dated 5/20/88.

Seattle is now in receipt of all pertinent communications in this matter.

LEAD:SEATTLE DIVISIONAT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Seattle is again requested to cover leads requested several times previously to provide Portland with any information as to whereabouts of eyewitnesses in this matter.

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Date of transcription 10/12/88

[redacted] residing [redacted] Pendleton, Oregon, advised that [redacted] GENE COOPER at Arrow Chevrolet in Pendleton, Oregon, prior to it being called Harvester Chevrolet. At that time, [redacted] and [redacted] of Boise, Idaho, [redacted] recalled COOPER as a mobile home salesman who lived with an older lady, residing just off Highway 84, by the Butter Creek turnoff, in a pumice block house. The residence belonged to the lady he was married to, who was in her late sixties or early seventies.

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Regarding the painting "Final Resting," which COOPER had given [redacted] advised COOPER actually gave him the painting. [redacted] described COOPER as follows:

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Name	GENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Early forties
Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Light, receding hairline
Eyes	Light

[redacted] advised he recalled on one occasion in the early 1970s, COOPER came into work all banged up and said he had run his car off the road. He advised he had been going to the Veteran's Administration Hospital, in Walla Walla, Washington, for treatment. That time frame covered approximately six to eight months. [redacted] advised this may have been in 1973. [redacted] further advised [redacted]

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[redacted] with GENE COOPER.

[redacted] advised that COOPER always came up with a lot of silver dollars and sold them for three times the face value. [redacted] characterized COOPER as a "boozier."

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PETERS SAM: [redacted] Date dictated 3/7/88

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[redacted] advised that on one occasion COOPER and his wife came out to see him, and he loaned him money for booze.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER was always without money but he did come up with silver dollars from time to time.

[redacted] characterized the marriage COOPER had with the elderly lady as a situation more like an older person taking care of a wayward son.

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[redacted] advised he recalled that when COOPER gave him the painting "Final Resting," the woman who he lived with or was married to, said that COOPER liked [redacted] and wanted them to have the painting.

[redacted] advised that COOPER had said that the woman he was living with, or married to, [redacted] in Oklahoma with money, that they were coming out to see them and that they were very good looking. [redacted] characterized COOPER as being "kind of goofy." [redacted] advised that COOPER had never mentioned being a pilot although [redacted]

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[redacted] advised he recalled COOPER leaving for a period of time, about one to two weeks, and when he came back, he was limping and hurting in the middle. He was banged up and said he had run his car off the road.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER used to hang out at Jessie James Tavern, in Stanfield, Oregon.

[redacted] advised that somewhere along the line, he heard that COOPER had died.

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On March 14, 1988, [redacted] advised that after further recollection, he concurred that COOPER came to Pendleton, Oregon, around the first part of 1972. However, he seemed somewhat uncertain of this date. [redacted] advised he recalled a conversation about COOPER being hurt. He advised that in 1972, [redacted]

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[redacted] Pendleton, Oregon. He advised that COOPER brought them the portrait "Final Resting," after he started working at Arrow Chevrolet in 1972, in Pendleton, Oregon. [redacted] advised there were no comments made about him being called D.B. COOPER at the time nor was there any kidding. Eventually, however, the name D.B. COOPER just showed up on the back of the portrait.

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Date of transcription 10/12/88

[redacted] telephonically contacted Special Agent Samuel A. McPheters, in reference to a painting which she had recently taken off one of the walls of her home which was entitled "Final Resting." The writing on the back indicated the following information:

Name of Painting	Final Resting
Place of Painting	Mind
Date of Painting	1970
Price	\$450.00
Artist	D.B. COOPER
Address	Route One, Box 134, Hermiston, Oregon
Label	[redacted] Paint Tested Genuine Canvas Panel for Artists M. Grumbacher, Incorporated, New York, New York
Size	22" by 28"
Catalog Number	634-18

[redacted] advised that she would make this painting available for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to maintain as part of a future investigation. The painting was kept in the office in the Pendleton Resident Agency of the FBI.

[redacted] advised she had received this painting by an individual known to her and her husband as GENE COOPER, also known as M.G. COOPER. She advised this individual attended the Eagles Club in Pendleton, Oregon, and worked in Pendleton, Oregon, at Eastern Oregon Motors, which is now called Pendleton Ford. He worked [redacted]. She recalled that he came to [redacted] home the night after the Eagles Club meeting sometime around 1970, and called his wife from their house.

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM: [redacted] Date dictated 3/7/88

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_____ advised that COOPER could be described as follows:

Name	GENE COOPER
Alias	M.G. Cooper
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'0"
Build	Fairly slender
Age	Early forties
Weight	165 to 170 pounds
Hair	Light brown, short, receding hairline
Complexion	Medium
Characteristics	Fairly good looking; good dancer, no children clean shaven, married to an elderly woman much older than him, wore dark sunglasses

_____ advised that she knew COOPER for approximately a six month period. His wife's name was possibly Florence.

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_____ advised that she thought COOPER had given them the painting in 1970, but she was not sure. She advised she first met GENE COOPER in 1970, or 1971, at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge. She thought he and her husband, _____, stopped there after work and on one occasion, called her to come down to the club. That same night COOPER came to their house in Pendleton, and had coffee at about 2:00 a.m., probably sometime in the fall of 1970, or 1971. COOPER recited poetry to her and advised that he was an artist and a poet. She was bored and tired but he kept reciting. COOPER _____ at East Oregon Motors at the time in Pendleton, Oregon, which is now Pendleton Ford.

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_____ advised that she next saw COOPER at the Eagles Club on several occasions in Pendleton. He had his wife at the Eagles picnic which was in the summertime approximately six months later at Emigint Park.

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_____ advised that his wife was very old and white haired, in her late seventies. She was very matronly, approximately 5'4", very nice person, slightly heavy. COOPER and his wife were living together in Hermiston, Oregon, at the time. She could not recall seeing him after the picnic.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER gave her the painting either on their second or third meeting after she had originally met him. He said the painting depicted tombstones and that the title was "Final Resting."

[redacted] advised she considered COOPER just an acquaintance. She advised she next heard of him from her husband. Her husband said he had come back to Pendleton, Oregon, and had been in a bad car accident. He was pretty crippled at the time. COOPER indicated that he had been in a car accident and that he had wrecked a green Ford Torino.

[redacted] advised that [redacted], Pendleton, Oregon, also danced with COOPER several times.

[redacted] advised she always had a question in her mind because COOPER had disappeared about the time of the D.B. COOPER hijacking and came back later crippled. She advised then that the previous Saturday she had turned the picture over to take downstairs and throw away because she was tired of it and noticed the signature D.B. COOPER written on the back.

On March 9, 1988, [redacted] was shown the composite photograph of D.B. COOPER which came out in the newspapers of 1971, subsequent to the hijacking. [redacted] said, "It really looks like him." She advised she thought the composite sketch looked like him seventeen years ago when she first saw it. She advised she did not contact law enforcement because she did not think it could have been him who hijacked the plane.

[redacted] advised she recalled that she and her husband were on their way to Reno, Nevada, when the hijacking occurred. When she first saw the composite she thought it resembled COOPER "a lot" but thought it was just a coincidence.

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On March 14, 1988, advised that she had never mentioned the name of D.B. COOPER nor had she seen it on the back of the painting before. She advised she did not know whether COOPER would have put that name on there for attention or not. She advised that no one else has ever had access to the painting where they could have written that on the back either.

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[redacted] employed by [redacted], advised that in approximately 1970 or 1971, when [redacted] in Pendleton, Oregon, she recalled a GENE COOPER who used to go to the Eagles Club, in Pendleton, Oregon, and enjoyed dancing. Both her and [redacted] have spoken to him casually on several occasions. He is from the midwest somewhere, possibly Arkansas, or Kansas, although at first, they thought he was from Pendleton, Oregon.

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[redacted] advised that she recalled COOPER introducing his wife, who was a lady in her sixties and quite a bit older than him.

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[redacted] described COOPER as follows:

Name	GENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	Forty-five
Height	6'0"
Build	Slim
Weight	165 to 170 pounds
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Medium brown, medium cut

[redacted] advised she had danced with COOPER a few times at the Elks Lodge. She described him as a fun loving person and advised that, "Life was just a big party for him." [redacted] advised that COOPER was pretty good at spending his money, always buying everyone drinks, was jolly, and would over do his share.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER was in the Pendleton area about one and one-half years. She advised that it was her opinion that he had just left the country all of a sudden, just disappearing. She advised she could not recall any of his acquaintances or people that "ran" with him.

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM [redacted] Date dictated 3/7/88

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[redacted] advised that people used to kid him about being D.B. COOPER because of the hijacking which occurred near the time that he left Pendleton.

On March 9, 1988, [redacted] advised that when GENE COOPER came back to Pendleton, Oregon, after being gone about three weeks, it was just about the holiday season, near Christmas in 1971. He was limping at that time and advised that he had been in a car wreck. She further advised that COOPER could not dance as well when he came back.

[redacted] further advised that as additional descriptive data, she recalled that COOPER had a medium complexion, a healthy look, and was a heavy smoker. She recalled this because [redacted].

[redacted] advised that another [redacted] who may have known COOPER would be [redacted], in Wenatchee, Washington, telephone number [redacted]. She further advised that [redacted], in Pendleton, Oregon, was [redacted] at the time she knew GENE COOPER, and that he may also know him.

[redacted] reiterated that when COOPER came back from his short absence of three weeks from Pendleton, it was just after the D.B. COOPER hijacking and everyone was calling him "D.B. COOPER" since it was still on the news. She advised that [redacted], Pendleton, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], kidded him about being D.B. COOPER.

[redacted] advised that COOPER seemed to be very intelligent and articulate.

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Date of transcription 10/6/88

JANE MILLER, residence 370 Monroe, Umatilla, Oregon, telephone number (503) 922-5413, advised that MERLIN EUGENE COOPER lived with her for about one and one-half years. She characterized him as a very pleasant individual. She advised that his first marriage had made him, "Off his rocker," and that he did odd things at different times. She advised that he had lost track of himself mentally.

MILLER advised that she had hired COOPER to help her with a service station in Hillsboro, Oregon, after her husband passed away.

After he started living with her, MILLER advised that sometimes they were apart several days at a time.

MILLER advised that COOPER golfed. She advised that he had been in the service and worked in air traffic control, managing a tower. She advised that he knew about bringing airplanes in and sending them out.

MILLER described COOPER as follows:

Name	MERLIN EUGENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	In his forties
Height	6'2" or 6'3"
Build	Medium, slender, well proportioned
Hair	Medium brown; could not recall how he parted his hair
Facial Hair	Sideburns

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM ☐ Date dictated 3/10/88

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Eyes	Unrecalled
Voice	Pleasant, medium range
Dress	Casual
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Spent most of his leisure time painting; smoked cigarettes, but not a great deal, although he may have smoked more when he was not around her

MILLER advised that she thought he was working for her on November 24, 1971, at a place near Hermiston, Oregon. MILLER advised that COOPER showed her an article in the paper about the D.B. COOPER hijacking, saying, "Well, for heaven's sake, look at this." MILLER advised that she was baking something and said, "I'll look at it later." The interviewing Agent noted that MILLER had expressed some difficulty in stating any details as to her association with COOPER until she made this statement and suddenly she seemed to be somewhat protective and seemed to be very lucid, extraordinarily lucid, regarding her recollection of the statements made at breakfast when COOPER was supposed to have read out of the newspaper in 1971.

MILLER advised she did not think that COOPER would hijack anything, that he was not seemingly that type of person.

MILLER advised that COOPER painted for his leisure and would give his paintings away. She advised she could not recall when he left Hermiston, that he went to Oklahoma; she joined him later. He went to Tulsa, Oklahoma. They were together one and one-half years in Hermiston, and six months out in Oklahoma.

After they separated in Oklahoma, she never heard from him. She had heard that he had died in Muskogee, Oklahoma, but the police officers could not figure out what had happened. She advised she knew nothing about COOPER's finances.

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MILLER denied that COOPER had ever been injured. She advised, though, that he had been in a bad car accident at one time when he wrecked her car. This was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he was in the hospital. This was some time before they were separated.

MILLER was shown a composite sketch of an individual referred to as D.B. COOPER that was published in newspapers in 1971. MILLER said the sketch looked nothing like MERLIN EUGENE COOPER. Again, MILLER seemed very protective of COOPER.

MILLER advised that after COOPER left, he sent his personal belongings to his mother who lives somewhere north of Chicago, Illinois.

MILLER advised that when he signed his paintings he would always print.

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[redacted] Hermiston, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], advised that she knew an individual by the name of MERLIN EUGENE COOPER, who she referred to as "COOP." This individual joined the Elks Club in Hermiston, Oregon, to her knowledge, and had a checking account at the Inland Empire Bank. [redacted] advised she considered COOPER a "con man" and did not like him or accept him. She advised she had caught him in many lies. She advised that most of the time she just tolerated him and tried to be civil. She advised she knew he had taken advantage of [redacted] Jane Miller, and would take things from her and sell them which would never show up again. She advised [redacted] trusted him but she did not.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] introduced him to [redacted], who met him in Eugene, Oregon. He lived with [redacted] from [redacted] in 1968, through 1969, or 1970, roughly. He had lived in Hermiston, Oregon, one to two years then went back to Oklahoma.

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[redacted] advised that on one occasion, all of a sudden, he told her that [redacted] and him were married.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER went back to Oklahoma the first part of 1971, or 1972, she could not recall for sure, upon the invitation [redacted] in Muskogee, Oklahoma, then [redacted] went back later and joined him.

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[redacted] advised that she had tried to convince [redacted] Jane Miller, that COOPER was not trustworthy, [redacted] would not listen, this caused friction.

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Again [redacted] characterized COOPER as "a good con man" who was very congenial on the surface, had a good gift of gab, was fairly intelligent, articulate, and smooth. [redacted] recalled that COOPER's voice was medium to low pitch, very normal sounding. She advised that he smoked, although, she could not recall the intensity of his habit.

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM: [redacted] Date dictated 3/10/88

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_____ advised she never knew where COOPER was from, he had lived in Hillsboro, Oregon, for awhile, just before moving to Hermiston, Oregon. He managed a service station for _____ in Hillsboro, Oregon, for awhile, then he offered to help her with the farm in Hermiston, Oregon. He never worked much.

_____ advised she usually tried to avoid his conversation because she did not like him. She advised he would use _____ money to support other women. He was in a lot of taverns in Umatilla, Oregon.

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_____ described COOPER as follows:

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Nickname	COOP
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'0"
Weight	180 to 190 pounds
Build	Medium
Waist	Thirty-four
Shoulders	Not very broad, although fairly well built, giving a healthy impression
Hair	Medium brown, parted, combed back
Other	Wore sunglasses
Complexion	Medium, possibly darker from being outdoors; possibly having an Italian aspect
Facial Hair	Medium sideburns

_____ advised _____ COOPER nice clothes and several suits. COOPER used to wear a dressy coverall outfit.

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_____ advised that there were times when COOPER left for several periods of time, usually just a few days or a week at a time.

_____ advised COOPER had been found dead in Oklahoma.

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_____ advised that COOPER is the type of person who would have taken anybody for anything.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] are listed as follows:

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[redacted], Hillsboro, Oregon

[redacted], address currently unknown.

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[redacted], home evenings,
works at [redacted], husband [redacted] residence [redacted]
[redacted], Muskogee, Oklahoma.

[redacted] Boise, Idaho,
telephone number [redacted], employed by [redacted] telephone number [redacted].

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[redacted] looked at the composite photograph of D.B. COOPER sketch from 1971, and advised she thought the chin was very good but the face was a little more angular than what she could recall COOPER's face being.

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Date of transcription 10/6/88

[redacted] Umatilla, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], advised that he first met MERLIN EUGENE COOPER at a car lot in Pendleton, Oregon, called Arrow Chevrolet when COOPER was a car salesman there in 1971, and 1972.

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[redacted] recalled that COOPER had a pin put in his shoulder about six months or one year before leaving Arrow Chevrolet, which would have been in 1971, or 1972. [redacted] indicated that EUGENE COOPER said he had gone to the Veteran's Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington, to have the pin removed. COOPER was all crippled up and later filed a claim for a vehicle accident, however, to [redacted] recollection, may have been another incident after the time he came back with a pin in his shoulder. It is the right shoulder and there were some screws that had been placed in the shoulder. COOPER showed him a screw from his shoulder. [redacted] recalled that this may have come from a later car accident, six months to a year later from the time he had come back crippled.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER packed around a lot of silver dollars and he recalled COOPER giving a kid some silver quarters.

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[redacted] advised that, at times, COOPER "kidded" that he was D.B. COOPER. While drinking heavily, people would sometimes say, "He must be D.B. COOPER." COOPER would respond, "That's me, I got the money all stashed away." [redacted] advised that it was a standing joke with him. [redacted] advised that he drank quite a bit and that COOPER had told [redacted] he took a lot of pain pills.

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[redacted] described COOPER as being intelligent, and a very outgoing person who would lie a lot.

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM: [redacted] Date dictated 3/11/88

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[redacted] advised that, to his recollection, COOPER had left Arrow Chevrolet around December of 1972. He thought COOPER had come there a few months after the D.B. COOPER hijacking, around the first part of 1972. He was not with Arrow Chevrolet for very long where he was employed as he a salesman until the first part of 1972. However, [redacted] advised that COOPER was hurt prior to that time and had gone into the Veteran's Hospital, in Walla Walla, Washington, even while there at Arrow Chevrolet.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER said he had been hurt but did not say how, he did not talk much about it.

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[redacted] described COOPER as:

Height	6'0"
Race	White
Sex	Male
Build	Athletic, no pot belly
Age	Late thirties or forties
Hair	Short, receding hairline
Facial Hair	None
Complexion	Unrecalled
Characteristics	Took pain pills

[redacted] reiterated that [redacted] Arrow Chevrolet at the same time EUGENE COOPER did. He advised that he thought COOPER was capable of doing anything. He knew he was stealing dollars from his wife's first husband's coin collection, silver dollars.

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[redacted] advised that he thought COOPER just disappeared. He went to the hospital and had pins put in his arm. On one occasion, COOPER told [redacted] that he had wrecked the car and asked him to insure it after he had wrecked it, [redacted] refused.

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[redacted] reiterated that he thought COOPER was at Arrow Chevrolet in 1972, and 1973.

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[redacted] advised he could not recall COOPER smoking a lot but something was wrong with his hand, a scar or something on his hand.

[redacted] advised that COOPER was very glib, quick, intelligent. COOPER never said anything about being in the service according to [redacted].

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Date of transcription 10/7/88

[redacted]
Muskogee, Oklahoma [redacted], were telephonically contacted,
at which time, [redacted] advised [redacted]
She advised that MERLIN EUGENE COOPER had lived with [redacted]
[redacted] for a period of years in Hermiston, Oregon, and
then in Muskogee, Oklahoma, prior to their separation.
She advised that a lady by the name of [redacted], who
[redacted] with MERLIN EUGENE
COOPER [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that COOPER told them
that he had been in the military and worked in an air
traffic control tower. He also told them he was a paramedic.

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[redacted] further advised that COOPER
had shot himself to get attention from some girls [redacted]
[redacted] near Muskogee. He shot himself where he thought
there were no vital organs but he still bled to death.
His wife, [redacted] JANE MILLER, was going to come back
to Muskogee, Oklahoma. He may have shot himself to also
get attention and sympathy from her.

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[redacted] advised that COOPER would never
go to work while he was in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He had
been an alcoholic for years and also used drugs. He "took"
every person that he ever met. He "took" [redacted]
JANE MILLER, for about \$30,000.00.

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by SA SAMUEL A. MC PETERS SAM [redacted] Date dictated 3/11/88

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The [] described COOPER as follows:

Name	EUGENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	About forty-five years old
Weight	180 pounds
Height	Over 6'0"
Characteristics	Right handed
Complexion	Very light
Hair	Balding, receding hairline; light brown; very thin; had dyed his hair dark once, because a lady, he once knew liked dark haired men
Face	Long, nice looking
Build	Medium
Other	Heavy smoker with stains on his fingers from smoking

The [] advised that COOPER painted a lot of paintings on the death theme.

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The [] advised that anything that would get attention to COOPER, COOPER would do.

The [] further advised that COOPER died in 1976, approximately, and had been in the Veteran's Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They advised that the Muskogee Police Department had records regarding his death.

The [] further advised that COOPER never talked about himself much and never wrote but always printed.

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[] advised that COOPER indicated that he had a pin in his shoulder, but he had never asked him how he got it.

On March 12, 1988, [] advised that she first met COOPER in Eugene, Oregon. COOPER moved to Oklahoma, in December of 1971, from Hermiston, where he had already been living with [] JANE MILLER.

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Date of transcription 10/6/88

[redacted] employed by [redacted],
 telephone number [redacted], Portland, Oregon, residence
 [redacted] Portland, Oregon, advised
 that EUGENE COOPER married [redacted] JANE MILLER, around
 1970, or 1971. She advised that she only knew him by
 seeing him on a half dozen occasions when he came to Hillsboro,
 Oregon, to take over [redacted] gas station. She first
 met him when he was running the service station for awhile.
 DAN COOPER stayed with [redacted] at their ranch in Hermiston,
 Oregon, but she never really did visit with him that much.

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[redacted] advised she did not care for COOPER,
 she thought he was looking for an easy street. COOPER
 always said, "One of these days, I'll find me a rich,
 old widow, and will live off what she has."

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[redacted] described COOPER as follows:

Name	EUGENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'0" to 6'1"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Slender, runner-type
Hair	Very little, receding, medium brown
Complexion	Flush
Characteristics	Never had any money
Eyes	Looked extra sparkly or glazed

[redacted] advised that COOPER made a comment once
 that he used to play football for the Green Bay Packers.

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Investigation on 3-11-88 at Pendleton, Oregon File # PD 164A-41-1979
 by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM: [redacted] Date dictated 3-11-88

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Date of transcription 10/7/88

[redacted] residence [redacted] Newport, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], advised that she recalled EUGENE COOPER as having come from Eugene, Oregon, and eventually residing with JANE MILLER in Hermiston, Oregon. While in Hermiston, he was layed up in that he broke his leg and was on crutches. This was shortly after the D.B. COOPER highjacking. She advised that she thought of this at the time, and that he may have been the individual that highjacked the plane. She had been told by [redacted] JANE MILLER, that he had been in an accident on a bridge with the vehicle.

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[redacted] described COOPER as follows:

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Name	EUGENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	155 to 160 pounds
Age	Forty-eight to fifty
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Facial Features	Long face
Hair	Lossing hair on top, sandy colored, very receding
Voice	Medium pitch, soft
Other	Smoked; drank a lot
Characteristics	Very intelligent; very articulate; wore sunglasses; fingers and hands very long

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 by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM [redacted] Date dictated 3/11/88

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[redacted] advised that when she saw the composite sketch of the suspect of the D.B. COOPER highjacking in 1971, she was really struck with the composite and said, at the time, to [redacted], "Gee, that looks like COOP." Then, she advised, she recalled that the suspects name was also COOPER and that EUGENE's name was COOPER. She advised she thought seriously about that and consulted with [redacted] about it but never told the police department.

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[redacted] advised that she heard COOPER was shot somewhere on the east coast. He was found in a car with a bullet in him. She heard this from [redacted] [redacted], in Oklahoma.

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[redacted] characterized COOPER as, "An asshole," a con man. He was always trying to find someone to take advantage of and always talking off the top of his head about how to make money.

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Regarding COOPER's art, [redacted] said that she [redacted] knows art. She said that COOPER's art was, "Far out, Geodesic." It has to be looked at from two to three different ways. She advised that if you look at his art in different ways, it takes on different shapes. She advised she had seen the name COOPER on the back of one of his paintings.

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THE SUBJECT OF UR INQUIRY MAY BE --

BASED ON --NAM,DOB

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NAM/COOPER,MEPLIN GENE

DOF/070834 SEX/M RAC/W POP/WI

HGT/602 WGT/170 HAI/BR0 EYE/BLU HEN/01A01A FPC/09AA12180806AA141604

* ADDITIONAL IDENTIFIERS *

SMT/TAT RF ARM/SC R WPST/SC RF AFM /SC R LEG

SOC/397286121

MNU/0A-0SP 32061

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NO NCIC WANT DOP/070834 NAM/COOPER,MERLIN GENE RAC/U

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*** CAUTION ***

MISDEMEANOR WARRANT (BASED ON NAM,DOB)

SW-C 0R0SP2500 NAM/C00PER,THOMAS GENE

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SUBJECT: NBC TV SERIES "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES"

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1989
AT 8:00 P.M., EST, "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" WILL REBROADCAST A
SEGMENT FEATURING TWO FBI CASES. UNSUB FUGITIVE D.B. COOPER IS
THE SUBJECT OF SEATTLE CASE 164A-81 CAPTIONED NORJAK; OO:
SEATTLE. THE SECOND CASE TO BE PROFILED CONCERNS AN UNSUB
THEFT OF SPORTS MEMORABILIA. THE SUBJECT OF NEW YORK CASE 87A-
86763, IT IS CAPTIONED UNSUB; DENNIS LYLE WALKER, (DECEASED)
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PLEASE ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL ARE AWARE OF THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING TELEVISION PROGRAM. FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES, YOUR DIVISION MAY WISH TO VIDEO TAPE THIS PROGRAM.

IN THE EVENT THAT THESE OR OTHER CASES PROFILED ON "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" ARE RESOLVED IN YOUR TERRITORY, THE VIOLENT CRIMES AND MAJOR OFFENDERS SECTION, CID AND THE SPECIAL PRODUCTIONS UNIT, OCPA SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY NOTIFIED FOLLOWED BY A CONFIRMING TELETYPE. INCLUDE ANY ASSOCIATION OF THE ARREST/SOLUTION WITH THE BROADCAST OF "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES". AFTER NORMAL WORKING HOURS THE NIGHT DUTY DESK, CID, EXTENSION 2805, SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY NOTIFIED.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" TO [REDACTED], SPECIAL PRODUCTIONS UNIT, OCPA, FBIHQ, EXTENSION 5348.

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ARREST #06 01-13-69 0P0100500-PD ROSEBURG
NAME USED/C00PER,MERLIN GENE LAN/11180
01 FRAUD - 0F INNKEEPER

ARREST #05 05-12-67 0R0100000-S0 ROSEBURG
NAME USED/C00PER,MERLIN GENE LAN/23900
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A 06-20-67 RECEIVED 0P024015C-STATE PENITENTIARY SALEM
B 02-05-68 PAROLED 0R024095C-STA PRL-PRP SALEM

ARREST #04 05-03-67 0R0150000-S0 MEDFORD
NAME USED/C00PER,MERLIN GENE LAN/24261
01 FRAUD - 0F INNKEEPER

ARREST #03 11-22-60 CA0300000-S0 SANTA ANA
NAME USED/C00PER,MERLIN GENE LAN/77910
01 FRAUD-INSUFF FUNDS CHECK

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01 01-09-61 COURT 0RI NOT RECEIVED CONVICTED
FRAUD-INSUFF FUNDS CHECK
4M JAIL

ARREST #02 02-06-59 WI0130100-PD MADISON
NAME USED/C00PER,MERLIN GENE LAN/17264
01 PROP VIOLATION
02 FRAUD-INSUFF FUNDS CHECK

ARREST #01 01-13-59 WI0130000-S0 MADISON
NAME USED/C00PER,MERLIN GENE LAN/B5511
01 FAMILY OFFENSE - NON SUPPORT

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[redacted] residence [redacted] Newport, Oregon, telephone number [redacted] advised that she recalled EUGENE COOPER as having come from Eugene, Oregon, and eventually residing with JANE MILLER in Hermiston, Oregon. While in Hermiston, he was layed up in that he broke his leg and was on crutches. This was shortly after the D.B. COOPER highjacking. She advised that she thought of this at the time, and that he may have been the individual that highjacked the plane. She had been told by [redacted] JANE MILLER, that he had been in an accident on a bridge with the vehicle.

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[redacted] described COOPER as follows:

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Name	EUGENE COOPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	155 to 160 pounds
Age	Forty-eight to fifty
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Facial Features	Long face
Hair	Lossing hair on top, sandy colored, very receding
Voice	Medium pitch, soft
Other	Smoked; drank a lot
Characteristics	Very intelligent; very articulate; wore sunglasses; fingers and hands very long

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b7CInvestigation on 3/11/88 at Pendleton, OregonFile # PD-164A-41by SA SAMUEL A. MC PHETERS SAM [redacted]Date dictated 3/11/88

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent SAMUEL M. MC PHETERS in the Portland Division at Pendelton, Oregon.

On March 7, 1988, inquiry at the ELK'S CLUB and EAGLES LODGE in Pendelton, Oregon, for any information relevant to MERLIN GENE COOPER being a member of those clubs from the years 1972 and 1973 were negative. All registers were checked also for sign-ins and sign-outs, but those came out negative as well.

On March 7, 1988, [] Hermiston, Oregon, was contacted for any mailing addresses for available from 1970 to 1972 for MERLIN GENE COOPER. Same inquiry was negative.

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On March 7, 1988, inquiry at the Umatilla County Assessor's Office for information relative to property holdings belonging to MERLIN GENE COOPER from 1970 to 1972 were negative.

At Hermiston, Oregon, on March 7, 1988, [] [] Hermiston, Oregon, telephone number [] was contacted for information regarding MERLIN GENE COOPER, same contact was negative.

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On March 7, 1988, [] [] Oregon, telephone number [], was telephonically contacted regarding MERLIN GENE COOPER who she may have waited on when she was []. This contract proved to be negative in that [] had no recall of this individual.

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On March 8, 1988, telephonic inquiry through the Veterans Administration Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington, telephone number (509) 525-5200, specifically through [], extension [], disclosed there was no entry for M. G. COOPER or GENE COOPER or MERLIN GENE COOPER for the 1970 to 1972 period.

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On March 8, 1988, [] telephone number [] Pendelton, Oregon, and [] telephone number [], Pendelton, Oregon, were both contacted for information relative to MERLIN GENE COOPER. Same inquiries were negative.

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On March 8, 1988, it was determined through [] [] Pendelton, Oregon, DB Cooper-43738 that COOPER may have lived just off Interstate I-84, near between []

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Umatilla, Oregon and Umatilla Army Depot exit. It is noted this area had been excavated and all housing torn down in preparation for a new interstate outlet ramp, which was under construction. Subsequent inquiries through [redacted], Right of Way Office, State Highway Department, Pendelton, Oregon, disclosed that the lady who had owned that ranch, JANE MILLER, who MERLIN GENE COOPER had later married, had moved after selling the ranch to an address at 2384 Columbus, Muskogee, Oklahoma 97401, telephone number (918) 687-4692, and from there she had moved back to Umatilla, Oregon, to an address at 320 Monroe Street.

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On August 17, 1988, RALPH HIMMELBACH, retired Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent from Portland Division, telephone number 636-5444, Weston, Oregon, advised that he had recently derived information from one of the original witnesses in this matter, [redacted] had [redacted]

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[redacted] Jefferson City, Missouri, and was now residing in Jefferson City at telephone number [redacted] is allegedly [redacted]

[redacted] advised that it had come to his attention another of the primary witnesses Stewardess [redacted]

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[redacted] allegedly resides in the Sheraton, Oregon area [redacted]

On September 28, 1988, the following individuals were contacted for any information they may have had regarding MERLIN GENE COOPER, but none could provide information: [redacted]

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[redacted] Wenatchee, Washington, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] Pendelton, Oregon, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] Pendelton, Oregon, telephone number [redacted].

On September 29, 1988, [redacted], Corporate Legal Counsel for L. B. INDUSTRIES, P.O. Box 2797, Street 1401, Shoreline Drive, Boise, Idaho 83701, advised that LARRY BARNES INDUSTRIES would have had in their possession the employment records and personnel from ARROW CHEVROLET CORPORATION at which MERLIN GENE COOPER had worked from 1971 to 1972; however, he advised that their records only go back to 1977 and all other records has been destroyed.

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Date 2/22/89

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 OO: SEATTLE

5 Re Portland airtel to Seattle 11/7/88.

6 For information of Seattle, suspect MERLIN GENE COOPER,
 7 DOB 7/8/34, has been eliminated as a suspect in captioned matter
 8 by Portland in that it has been ascertained that COOPER was a
 9 patient in the Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla,
 10 Washington, on the date of the hijacking. Nurses' notes
 11 disclosed he was physically present at the hospital that day.

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On February 9, 1989, [redacted]
[redacted], Columbia, Missouri, was contacted at her residence
for the purpose of viewing a photographic spread consisting of
the following six photographs:

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(1) [redacted] Jersey City, New Jersey Police
Department photo number [redacted].

(2) Unidentified white male, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON
photograph number [redacted].

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(3) LARRY WILLIAM QUANDT, Clark County Sheriff's
Department, Vancouver, Washington, photograph number 34380.

(4) Unidentified white male, Jersey City, New Jersey
Police Department photo number [redacted].

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(5) [redacted] Bergen County, New Jersey
Sheriff's Department photo number [redacted].

(6) Unidentified white male, FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION (FBI) photo number [redacted].

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[redacted] stated she cannot identify any of the
individuals depicted in the foregoing photographic spread as
being identical to the individual who hijacked a NORTHWEST
airlines flight on November 24, 1971.

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Date 2/28/89

1 TO: SAC, PORTLAND
 2 FROM: [REDACTED] AC, KANSAS CITY (164A-454) (SPDRA-JCRA) (RUC)
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 4 SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 5 CAA - HIJACKING;
 6 OO: SEATTLE

7 Re St. Louis airtel to Kansas City, 12/15/88 and Newark
 8 airtel to St. Louis, 11/15/88.

9 Enclosed for Portland is photographic line-up of six
 10 photographs.

11 Enclosed for Portland, Newark, and Seattle are two
 12 copies each of FD-302 interview of [REDACTED]

13 Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads in the
 14 Kansas City Division, this matter is being placed in an RUC
 15 status.

16 LEADS:17 PORTLAND DIVISION18 AT EUGENE, OREGON

19 Will display photographic line-up to former stewardess
 20 [REDACTED] now known as [REDACTED], in care of [REDACTED]

21 ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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 23 2 - Newark (164A-402) (Encl 2)
 24 2 - Seattle (164A-81) (Encl 2)
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, Eugene, Oregon, as set forth in referenced Newark airtel to St. Louis, 11/15/88.

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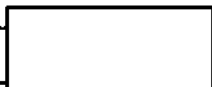
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[redacted]
[redacted], Eugene, Oregon, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted], was contacted at her residence for the purpose of viewing a photographic spread consisting of the following six photographs:

1. [redacted], Jersey City, New Jersey Police Department photograph number [redacted]
2. Unidentified white male, New Jersey State Prison photograph number [redacted]
3. LARRY WILLIAM QUANDT, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Vancouver, Washington, photograph number 34380.
4. Unidentified white male, Jersey City, New Jersey Police Department photograph number [redacted].
5. [redacted], Bergen County, New Jersey Sheriff's Department, photograph number [redacted].
6. Unidentified white male, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) photograph number [redacted].

[redacted] who informed she had been a stewardess on the Northwest Airlines flight hijacked by a white individual now known as D.B. COOPER on November 24, 1971. She stated that at that time, her name was [redacted].

[redacted] viewed the photographic spread and stated that she was unable to identify any of the individuals depicted as being identical to the individual who hijacked that Northwest Airlines flight on November 24, 1971. [redacted] stated that photograph number three is definitely not the person whom she remembered as being D.B. COOPER, the hijacker of the Northwest Airlines flight on which she was the stewardess.

Investigation on 3/7/89 at Eugene, Oregon File # 164A-SE-81-9
by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 3/8/89
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Mc [signature]

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)(RUC)

NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Seattle)Re Newark airtel to St. Louis, 11/15/88, and
Kansas City airtel to Portland, 2/28/89.Enclosed for Seattle are original and two copies of
an FD-302, interview of [REDACTED].

Enclosed for Newark are two copies of FD-302.

In as much as there are no outstanding leads in the
Portland Division, this matter is being placed in an RUC
status.ARMED AND DANGEROUS.2 - Seattle (Enc. 3)
2 - Newark (164A-402)(Enc. 2)
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☐ Agent _____

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Photo spread consisting of six photographs sent to
Parsippany, New Jersey RA, Attention SA [redacted]

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Date 7/10/89

TO: SAC, HOUSTON

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)(RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 CAA - HIJACKING
 (OO: Seattle)

On 7/3/89, [redacted], Beaumont, Texas, telephone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the Portland FBI office and advised that he had information that an individual known to him as [redacted] was D.B. COOPER. [redacted] stated he had documents he would like to share with the FBI.

LEADHOUSTON DIVISION

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS. Will arrange interview of [redacted] through telephone number [redacted]

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Does FBI have

D.B. Cooper?

☐ The FBI is tracing the path of a man who disappeared at the same time as the hijacking to see if he committed the crime

By ROBERTA ULRICH

of The Oregonian staff

The FBI is investigating the possibility that a man recently arrested in the 1971 killing of his family is the elusive airline hijacker known as D.B. Cooper.

The man, John E. List, vanished Nov. 1971, the day authorities believe his mother, wife and three children were shot to death in the family's home at Westfield, N.J. That was just 15 days before Co-



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Cooper: Investigator thinks Cooper most likely perished when he parachuted

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Is suspect in**killings****D.B. Cooper?**

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

**The Oregonian
Portland, Oregon****Date: June 30, 1989****Edition:****Title: NORJAK****Character: 164-41
or 80-715****Classification:
Submitting Office:****Indexing:**

☐ The FBI tries to determine whether a man arrested June 1 in Virginia is the Northwest's notorious hijacker

By ROBERTA ULRICH*of The Oregonian staff*

The FBI is investigating the possibility that a man recently arrested in the 1971 killing of his family is the elusive airline hijacker known as D.B. Cooper.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164-101) (P) DATE: 3/10/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka
D. B. Cooper
CAA - AIRCRAFT HIJACKING

On 2/15/80, [REDACTED]
Rural Hall, N.C., telephone number [REDACTED], office
telephone number [REDACTED], telephonically contacted
the Greensboro RA of the FBI and advised that she has seen
an individual who closely resembles D. B. COOPER, who
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stated that she [REDACTED] by the name of DARROLD OESTREICH,
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in the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, newspaper. She
stated that the [REDACTED] apparently moved from either
Oregon or the Seattle, Washington area approximately eight years
ago to Winston-Salem. She stated that OESTREICH is employed
as an architect with Newman-Winfrey-Van Edder in Winston-Salem,
N.C.

LEADSCHARLOTTE

AT WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.: Will conduct credit and
identification check re DARROLD OESTREICH.

2. Will also take appropriate action to interview
OESTREICH in the hopes of locating the whereabouts of D. B.
COOPER.

②-Charlotte (164-101)

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SC GEORGE ALAN MEARS

UNSUB, aka
D.B. Cooper
CCA-AIRCRAFT HIJACKING

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 3/10/80.

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CREDIT

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Credit record reflects numerous entries, however, none were of an unsatisfactory nature.

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Date of transcription May 2, 1980

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[redacted] commonly known as [redacted] Apex, North Carolina, [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] work telephone number [redacted] appeared at the Raleigh, North Carolina, Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where she was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and thereafter furnished the following information:

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[redacted] said a few evenings ago, she was watching a television program entitled "In Search of" and viewed a composite photograph of a man being sought for the hijacking of an airplane about ten years ago in the Northwestern United States. [redacted] stated the program stated the man used the name "D. B. COOPER" and parachuted out of the airplane. [redacted] said the composite photograph resembled her [redacted] ROBERT HUGH COOPER, SR.

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[redacted] said that on [redacted] ROBERT HUGH COOPER, SR., at Pueblo, Colorado, which is [redacted] [redacted] said she first met COOPER during July, 1961, while they both were [redacted] in Pueblo, Colorado. [redacted] said [redacted] on March 14, 1962, and that [redacted] advised that in January or February, 1962, she and [redacted] moved to Parker, Arizona, where they both [redacted] which was owned by [redacted] said [redacted] was older than COOPER and looked after COOPER [redacted] advised that the [redacted] lived in Tucson, Arizona.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] in Parker, Arizona, she returned to Pueblo, Colorado, for a short while before taking a job in Northern California. [redacted] said she worked for [redacted] California, as a [redacted] at various [redacted] in the Northwestern United States. [redacted] stated COOPER visited her at some of the [redacted] in 1963.

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[redacted] stated she last saw COOPER in 1963 in Yuma, Arizona, where he was in jail, probably on a bad check charge. [redacted] said she visited COOPER in jail and later saw him on the street there where he told her he had been released.

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(2) Miller [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that shortly after [redacted] COOPER showed her a [redacted] and told her that she should [redacted] and threatened her with physical harm if she were to do so. [redacted] said she did [redacted] when COOPER was not around and found contained therein a number of photographs showing COOPER in airplanes with parachutes on his back. [redacted] said she never knew COOPER to have parachuted and that he never talked about parachuting. [redacted] said COOPER said he had been in the Korean War and that he refused to talk much about his experience. [redacted] said COOPER was missing his left testicle which he stated was shot off during the Korean War.

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[redacted] said that shortly after [redacted] COOPER rented a furnished house in the [redacted] of Pueblo, Colorado, using the name DAN COOPER. [redacted] stated she did not know why COOPER used the first name of "DAN" for this transaction.

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[redacted] provided the interviewing agent with two pages she said she tore out of [redacted] which is the only thing she [redacted] stated these pages contain the handwriting of both COOPER and herself.

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[redacted] provided the following description of COOPER based on her recollection as well as information contained on [redacted] pages, which is unverified.

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Name	ROBERT HUGH COOPER, SR.
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	February 18, 1930
Place of Birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Height	5 feet 9 inches - 6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Thin, had tapeworm at one time.
Hair	Dark brown or black, worn in various styles from "duck tail" to crew cut which he changed frequently.
Eyes	Unrecalled, possibly blue.
Facial Hair	Occasionally wore waxed handlebar mustache.
Complexion	Average
Occupation	Cook

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Dress:

Liked to dress well,
conservatively.

Tattoos:

Two on each arm, one on
back, rose on right forearm.

Habits:

Heavy smoker, favored Lucky
Strike cigarettes.

Military Serial Number:

659222, United States Marines.

First Wife:

[REDACTED]
Last known to be residing
in St. Louis, Missouri, in
[REDACTED]

Son:

[REDACTED]

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Brother:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], had
red hair.

Brother's Wife:

[REDACTED]

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Parents:

Never mentioned by
ROBERT HUGH COOPER, SR.

Other:

Missing left testicle.

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5/2/80

TO: SAC SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (164-219) (P)
NORJAK

Enclosed for Seattle are the following items.

Original and five copies of an FD 302 regarding

[redacted]
Two pages torn from [redacted].

Agent's notes regarding the [redacted] interview.

[redacted] said she had spoken with [redacted] regarding the information set forth in the enclosed FD 302 and [redacted] had told her not to contact the FBI. Therefore [redacted] requested that if any future contacts by the FBI are necessary, the contacting agent not identify himself to anyone other than herself.

Seattle is requested to review the enclosed FD-302 and thereafter set forth leads if deemed appropriate.

LEAD.

CHARLOTTE

AT WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

A telephone call was received at the Greensboro, North Carolina Resident Agency to the effect that DARROLD OESTREICH

2 Seattle (Encs. 9)
(2) Charlotte

(4) [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]
GREENSBORO R.A.
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 5/6/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

Enclosed are four (4) artists composites, two black and white, and two color, depicting the NORJAK unsub, aka DAN COOPER, D.B. COOPER, with and without glasses.

THE CRIME

On November 24, 1971, a lone white male boarded Northwest Orient Flight #305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately 3:22 P.M., while the flight was en route to Seattle, Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his brief case contained a bomb which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four parachutes in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the plane. When the aircraft landed at Seattle, Washington, Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions. After he received the parachutes and the money, the hijacker allowed all passengers and two airline stewardesses to deplane.

He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude and slow speed which would enable the rear door of the plane (Boeing 727) to be opened during the flight.

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The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada, where the plane landed to refuel. It was determined the hijacker, two parachutes, and the ransom money had disappeared when the plane was inspected at Reno, Nevada.

Artist conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the FBI Exhibit Section and are considered a reasonable likeness. The black and white composites were prepared initially and sometime later the color composites were prepared to depict the hijacker's complexion and age more graphically.

The hijacker is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Mid 40's
Height	5'10" to 6'
Weight	170 to 180 lbs.
Complexion	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth
Hair	Dark brown or black, parted on the left combed back
Eyes	Possibly brown, during later part of flight the hijacker put on dark wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims
Voice	Low, spoke intelligently, no particular accent
Characteristics	Smoked Raleigh filters type cigarettes
Wearing Apparel	Black or brown suit; narrow black tie (clip on type); black rain type overcoat or dark top coat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried a paper bag - 4 x 12 x 14 inches; brown shoes
Remarks	Very polite at all times

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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[REDACTED] CHARLOTTE (164-219) (RUC)

[REDACTED] K
[REDACTED] JACK (A)
[REDACTED] SEATTLE)

(Re Seattle letter to Charlotte, 5/6/80.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA []

On 5/15/80, DAROLD EUGENE OESTREICH was interviewed at his place of employment, Newman-Winfrey-Van Edder, Inc., 865 W. 4th St., Winston-Salem, N.C., and furnished the following information:

OESTREICH moved to Winston-Salem, N.C., in the fall of 1974 after having spent all of his adult life in the Spokane, Washington area. OESTREICH [] in Spokane, Washington, at the present time and moved to Winston-Salem for a better job opportunity in the architectural field. OESTREICH's education is limited to that of a high school graduate, however, has obtained his license as a structural engineer and is a professional engineer in the state of N.C. OESTREICH was vaguely familiar with the aircraft hijacking matter which occurred in 1971 perpetrated by an individual identifying himself as D.B. COOPER, however, could provide no information regarding the incident. OESTREICH has never been in the military service and has never parachuted out of an airplane.

Physical observation of OESTREICH would appear to exclude him as a suspect in this matter as OESTREICH has a pale complexion and light brown hair, graying on the sides. OESTREICH has blue eyes and his general appearance does not suggest that he is affluent. [] is employed. They do not have expensive automobiles nor do they reside in an affluent neighborhood.

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The following description of OESTREICH was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	DAROLD EUGENE OESTREICH	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
DOB:	6/26/39	
POB:	Spokane, Wash.	
Father:	LEROY OESTREICH, deceased in 1948	
Mother:	ERMA OESTREICH WITTMAYER, Portland, Oregon	
Sister:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon	b6 b7C
Height:	5'10½"	
Weight:	180 pounds	
Hair:	Brown	
Eyes:	Blue	
Complexion:	Pale	
Education:	High school graduate, Spokane, Wash.	
Military service:	None	
Arrests:	None admitted	
Residence:	5660 Sweetbriar Road, Pfafftown, N.C.	
Home telephone:	924-4185	
Employment:	Newman-Winfrey-Van Edder, 865 W. 4½ St., Winston-Salem, N.C., telephone 724-1503, licensed structural engineer, professional engineer, state of North Carolina	
Wife:	[REDACTED]	b6 b7C
Children:	[REDACTED]	
Automobiles:	1978 Ford Fairmont, burgundy station wagon 1972 Mini motor home	

In view of the fact no additional investigation is outstanding in the Charlotte Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219) (P)

Date 1/8/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACK [redacted]

(OO: SEATTLE)
(BUFILE: 164-2111)

On 1/2/81, [redacted]
[redacted] Belmont, N. C. (Protect Identity), contacted
SA [redacted] with whom [redacted]
[redacted] stated that she had recently seen a picture of
UNSUB, aka D. B. COOPER, in a newspaper. She stated that there
is a professor at Belmont Abbey College who, in her opinion,
strongly resembles this photograph. She stated that she wanted
her identity protected since if [redacted] found that she
had furnished this information, she would undoubtedly [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the professor she thinks
resembles UNSUB is CARL VAN ORDEN. She stated that he has been
at the Abbey for several years and teaches Economics or some
sort of related subject.

On 1/6/81, files of the Gaston County Credit Bureau,
Gastonia, N. C., were checked with negative results concerning
CARL VAN ORDEN. However, the City Directory for Belmont, N. C.,
listed his address as 607 North Central Avenue, Belmont, N. C.,
and his employment as "Employee of Belmont Abbey College."

On 1/7/81, contact was made with [redacted]
[redacted] for Belmont Abbey College [redacted]
[redacted] viewed artist conception drawings of UNSUB after which he
stated that VAN ORDEN, [redacted], does bear
some slight resemblance to the conception drawings. He stated
that he will obtain [redacted] and that [redacted] 164A-219-7
this [redacted] will have a photograph of VAN ORDEN.

LEADS:

CHARLOTTE:

AT GASTONIA, N. C.

Will, upon notification by [redacted], view
photograph of VAN ORDEN and determine whether or not further
investigation in this matter is warranted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(2) [redacted] ADDENDUM: Please reopen & assign SA [redacted]

Memorandum



To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219) (P)

Date 1/30/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACK

(OO: SEATTLE)
(Bufile 164-2111)

On 1/28/81, [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY),
[redacted] for Belmont Abbey College, made available
a [redacted] which has a snapshot therein of
CARL VAN ORDEN, Associate Professor of Business and Economics
at Belmont Abbey College.

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[redacted] stated that VAN ORDEN came to Belmont Abbey
in 1979. He has a B.S. Degree from Rider College in 1958 and
an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1973.

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[redacted] was unable to furnish additional information
concerning VAN ORDEN.

Additionally, it was noted that the photograph of
VAN ORDEN is similar in appearance to the artist's conception
drawing of unsub, aka D. B. COOPER.

However, VAN ORDEN has a receding hairline and is
partially bald.

On 1/29/81, a check of the Police Information Network
(PIN) for the State of North Carolina revealed that CARLOS
HAROLD VAN ORDEN resides at 607 North Central Avenue, Belmont,
N. C. His date of birth is listed as 4/26/31, North Carolina
Driver's License #168554, which was issued 7/24/79, to expire
4/26/83. Vehicles listed to VAN ORDEN are a 1979 Buick, North
Carolina Title Number [redacted], listed to CARLOS HAROLD VAN ORDEN
and [redacted], Belmont, N. C., and
a 1973 Supe, North Carolina Title Number [redacted], listed to
CARLOS HAROLD VAN ORDEN and [redacted]
[redacted], Belmont, N. C. The current license plate for the
Buick is [redacted] and for the other vehicle, [redacted].

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A lead has been set forth by Form FD-125 for SC [] to conduct a credit check at Charlotte, N. C., concerning VAN ORDEN. Based upon information obtained from this credit check, a decision will be made as to what additional investigation should be conducted in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by
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On January 29, 1981, [redacted] Charlotte
Credit Bureau, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised her
records revealed that one CARLOS HAROLD VAN ORDEN, address
607 North Central Avenue, Belmont, North Carolina, has been
on file since July 16, 1979. She stated record revealed
his previous address to be 27 Highland Avenue, Northfield,
Vermont. She stated records did not reveal any employment
for VAN ORDEN.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

2/27/81

SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219) (RUC)

NORJAK
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(BUFILE 164-2111)

For the information of Seattle, on 1/2/81, information was received from a source that CARL VAN ORDEN, a professor at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C., resembles a photograph of D. B. COOPER, recently shown in a newspaper in North Carolina in connection with an article on captioned matter.

A review of the City Directory for Belmont, N. C., on 1/6/81, revealed that VAN ORDEN's address was 607 North Central Avenue, Belmont, N. C., and employment listed as "Employee of Belmont Abbey College".

On 1/7/81, contact was made with [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] for Belmont Abbey College. [redacted] viewed the artist's conception drawings of unsub, after which he stated that VAN ORDEN, [redacted], bears some slight resemblance to the drawings.

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On 1/28/81, [redacted] (protect identity) made available a [redacted] which had a snapshot therein of VAN ORDEN, Associate Professor of Business and Economics at Belmont Abbey College.

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[redacted] stated that VAN ORDEN came to Belmont Abbey in 1979. He has a B.S. Degree from Rider College in 1958 and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1973.

It was noted that the photograph of VAN ORDEN is similar in appearance to the artist's conception drawing of unsub, except that VAN ORDEN has a receding hairline and is partially bald.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

12/15/81

SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219) (RUC)

NORJAK
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00: SEATTLE

On 12/3/81, [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY - BY REQUEST), [redacted], Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that he has recently become acquainted with [redacted] of Florida whom [redacted] said looks similar to the composite photograph of the unknown subject in this matter. [redacted] said [redacted] is a [redacted] and otherwise fits the general description of the unknown subject, except [redacted] is younger than the unknown subject's estimate age. [redacted] said [redacted] looks older than he actually is.

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[redacted] said [redacted] pick up truck has Florida license [redacted]. An inquiry of the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles via the Police Information Network reflects this license is in the names of [redacted] and [redacted] Casselberry, Florida, and that [redacted] date of birth is [redacted].

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The above furnished to Seattle for any action deemed appropriate.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164-219) (RUC)

Date 1/31/83

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJACK
(00: SEATTLE)

On 1/31/83, [redacted], Mayodan, N.C., telephone [redacted] was contacted regarding information relating to captioned matter. [redacted] stated that several years ago he had observed the composite drawing of D.B. COOPER as it appeared in a magazine. This drawing closely resembled an [redacted] identified as [redacted], who resides in [redacted], N.C.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] and an individual identified as [redacted] had discussed captioned matter during one of [redacted], and both [redacted] and [redacted] indicated that it would be easy to succeed in a criminal act such as perpetrated by D.B. COOPER. [redacted] became suspicious of their comments regarding the hijacking of this airplane, and after several years, deemed it necessary to notify the authorities. [redacted] further noted that [redacted] and [redacted] served in the Army or Air Force, perhaps in the capacity of paratroopers.

[redacted] stated that his suspicion regarding [redacted] and [redacted] stems from the resemblance of the composite drawing of D.B. COOPER and the facial features of [redacted], along with their discussion of the hijacking during the aforementioned [redacted] approximately [redacted] years ago. Furthermore, [redacted] bases his suspicion on the fact that both [redacted] and [redacted] are [redacted] individuals, who would certainly attempt such a feat.

In view of the non-specific nature of [redacted] allegations, no further investigation is being conducted re captioned matter. It is noted that no communication is being dispatched to office of origin in this matter in view of the non-specific nature of the allegations.

The conversation with [redacted] is being made a matter of record in view of his propensity to call other law enforcement agencies to discuss the D.B. COOPER incident. [redacted] has contacted Chief ED SHELTON, Mayodan, N.C. PD regarding the NORJACK case.)

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To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219)

Date 2/2/90

From : MDE [redacted]

Subject: NORJACK

On 2/2/90, [redacted] Burlington, N.C., home and work telephone [redacted], advised he knows an individual who looks like D.B. COOPER.

[redacted] would not furnish the individual's name over the telephone at this time. He advised the suspect is [redacted] and has resided in North Myrtle Beach, S. C., since [redacted] described the suspect as white male, age [redacted] 5'10" - 5'11", approximately 135 lbs., and has a [redacted]. He has indicated [redacted] and has had [redacted] since that time. [redacted] advised suspect has told him he knows what it is like to be in trouble.

[redacted] advised he became suspicious of suspect's identity after viewing a segment on America's Most Wanted program a while back which showed an artist conception of D.B. COOPER and it looked like suspect.

[redacted] advised he did not wish to furnish any further information over the telephone, but would like to meet with an Agent. [redacted] wanted to know if there was a reward for COOPER and advised he did not wish to furnish any further information until he determined if he would receive a reward. [redacted] advised [redacted] and he does not want an Agent to come to his house; however, someone can call him at home.

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Re O&A [signature]

Memorandum



To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219)

Date 2/2/90

From : MDE [redacted]

Subject: NORJACK

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To : SAC CHARLOTTE (164-CE-62041)

Date 2/22/90

From : FILE SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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Subject: NORJACK
(OO; SEATTLE)

Re memo of MDE [REDACTED] dated 2/2/90.

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On 2/9/90 captioned matter was opened on referenced communication with Charlotte as Office of Origin. The Seattle Division is Office of Origin in captioned matter therefore this matter should be closed administratively under Charlotte File 164A-CE-62041 and reopened under Seattle File Number 164A-SE-81.

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To : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

Date 7/24/89

From : SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)

Subject: NORJAK

Enclosed for San Francisco is a blow-up of a color photograph of GEDDES EUGENE HARPER taken at HARPER'S wedding, Eugene, Oregon, July of 1963.

For information of San Francisco, on 6/26/89, contact was made with [redacted] (protect identity per request) who is a [redacted], Redding, California. [redacted] advised that he had been advised by the FBI, Pennelton, Oregon (SA MIKE MC PHETERS) and by an Oregonian newspaper [redacted] to relate to the FBI in Redding, California his, and [redacted], belief that a former [redacted], GEDDES EUGENE HARPER closely resembles the composite photograph which has been shown on a number of occasions in newspapers. In addition, HARPER'S background and lifestyle also fits the type of individual who would commit such a crime as the one committed in captioned matter.

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[redacted] advised that HARPER was born on 6/20/41 and as noted from the color photograph in 1963, always looked much older than his age. He was in the U.S. Army, 101 Airborne Division, and was extremely unpredictable, having been known out of moving cars and to do numerous other crazy stunts.

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HARPER died at Roseburg, Oregon on 10/27/83 of alcoholic hepatitis.

In 1971 when captioned matter occurred, he would [redacted] is [redacted] supposedly [redacted] and currently [redacted] in Fortuna, California. [redacted], first name unknown [redacted] supposedly still lives in Eureka, California.

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GEDDES [redacted] and [redacted] who still live in Eureka, California.

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- 1-Portland (164-41) (Info.)
- 1-Seattle (164-81) (Info.)
- 1-Sacramento

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AT FORTUNA, CALIFORNIA: Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] through the [redacted] and determine the possibility of [redacted] [redacted] GEDDES HARPER, as being identical to D.B. COOPER. If matter unresolved, will send enclosed color photograph to Portland to be shown to a witness who is known to still be residing within their territory.

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SAC, SEATTLE
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Date 7/15/00

From : SAC, CHARLOTTE

Subject: NORJACK

(Title)

☐ RUC
☒ File Destruction Program

Enclosed are 17 items.

These items are forwarded to your office since file meets criteria for destruction.

Enclosures are described as follows:

- ☒ Original Notes.
- ☐ Original FD-302's.
- ☐ Laboratory and/or Technical Support.
- ☒ Miscellaneous Documents.

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To : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-SE-81) (RUC)

Date 4/24/90

From : IA GEORGE ALAN MEARS

Subject: NORJACK
(00: SEATTLE)

Re memo of MDE [redacted], 2/2/90 and memo of File Supervisor [redacted], 2/22/90, showing change in file number.

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Numerous attempts to contact [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted], Burlington, N.C., telephone [redacted], met with negative results.

On 4/18/90, [redacted] [redacted], was telephonically contacted at [redacted] at which time information in referenced memo dated 2/2/90 was discussed with her. [redacted] advised that the individual that [redacted] was talking about was a [redacted], who is a white male in his [redacted] and lives with [redacted] near their place in Myrtle Beach, S.C. [redacted] advised that this in no way could be D. B. COOPER and further advised that [redacted] was [redacted] and thought that everyone he saw was a criminal.

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Based on information furnished by [redacted], no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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Date 7/31/89

1 To [redacted] PORTLAND (164A-41)
 2 Fr [redacted] SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 3 Subject: NORJAK
 4 OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

5 Re: Unsub, [redacted] - Source
 6 ("UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" lead)

7 For the information of the Portland Division,
 8 the television show "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" recently broadcast
 9 a segment concerning captioned crime. As a result of that
 10 broadcast, [redacted] of Portland, Oregon, [redacted]
 11 [redacted], telephonically advised she had information concerning
 12 this case. [redacted] stated Unsub is known by [redacted]
 13 (PH) and [redacted] advised
 14 Unsub lives in Portland and has had facial reconstruction.
 15 There is a secret passage way in his house that [redacted]
 16 [redacted] is familiar with because he has done [redacted]
 17 [redacted] on the house.

LEADSPORTLAND DIVISIONAT PORTLAND, OREGON

16 Will contact [redacted] and determine from
 17 her any information she may have concerning captioned matter.
 18 Specifically, information concerning Unsub's background
 19 and description should be obtained so he might be processed
 20 as a NORJAK suspect.

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Date 8/7/89

TO [REDACTED], PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM [REDACTED], SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re UNSUB; [REDACTED] - SOURCE ("Unsolved Mysteries" lead).

For the information of the Portland Division, the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" was aired on 10/12/88. As a result of that television show [REDACTED] of Beaverton, Oregon, telephone number [REDACTED], advised he found a parachute harness approximately one mile from where the NORJAK money was found.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISIONAT BEAVERTON, OREGON

Will contact [REDACTED] and determine any information he may have concerning captioned matter. Specifically, the parachute harness should be obtained and forwarded to the Seattle Division so that it can be determined whether it was part of the parachutes provided UNSUB on 11/24/71.

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Date 8/7/89

TO [REDACTED] PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM [REDACTED] SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re UNSUB; [REDACTED] - SOURCE ("Unsolved Mysteries"
 lead.)

For the information of the Portland Division, the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" was broadcast on 3/15/89. As a result of the broadcast, [REDACTED] of Mc Minnville, Oregon, telephone number [REDACTED], advised she suspected that UNSUB was identical to a man that used to work in the Mc Minnville Hospital in Mc Minnville, Oregon. This individual turned out to be using a false ID, and disappeared on the weekend of the hijacking. According to [REDACTED] he came back to work for a week and then disappeared again. [REDACTED] stated that the individual resembled UNSUB in this matter. She further advised that the hospital may have a picture ID and other information to identify him. She furnished a Social Security Account Number of [REDACTED] which might be the Social Security Account Number of UNSUB, according to her.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISIONAT MC MINNVILLE, OREGON

Will contact [REDACTED] and determine from her any information she might have concerning captioned matter. Specifically, background and descriptive information should be obtained concerning UNSUB so that his identity can be learned and he can be processed as a NORJAK suspect.

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Date 8/7/89

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re subject [redacted] (phonetic) ("Unsolved
 Mysteries" lead).

For the information of the Portland Division, the
 television show "Unsolved Mysteries" was broadcast on 3/15/89.
 As a result of that broadcast an anonymous caller advised that
 UNSUB was going by the name of [redacted] and living in the
 Klamath Falls, Oregon area. The caller stated that [redacted] has a
 [redacted], and lives in [redacted].

The caller advised that [redacted] is an expert parachute
 jumper, and is approximately [redacted] years old. The caller also
 advised that [redacted] carries a gun. The caller further advised
 that he believes the money went overseas.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISIONAT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

Will attempt to locate and identify [redacted]. When
 [redacted] can be identified, appropriate background and descriptive
 information should be obtained so that he might be processed as a
 NORJAK suspect.

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Date 8/21/89

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 8/7/89.

On 8/17/89, Chief of Police DANNY TOFFEL, Klamath Falls Police Department, Klamath Falls, Oregon, advised that [] had moved from the Klamath Falls area several years ago. He said that [] moved to Klamath Falls from Hemet, California, about 20 years ago and during his time in their city he was very active in physical endeavors and was a [] in the area. He even [] and would [].

TOFFEL further advised that [] moved to Montana several years ago, and from there moved to Alaska where he [] on the Kenai River and Russian River. He was also affiliated with [], a company in Anchorage, Alaska, where he apparently lost all his money. The last he has been heard from he had returned to Montana, and it is believed he continues to reside somewhere in Montana.

TOFFEL also advised that [] would be considered a [] type of person. He also said that when he first left Klamath Falls he was associated with a group of attorneys somewhere in Montana.

[] was described by TOFFEL as follows: W/M, [] yrs., 5'8", 180, stocky build.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted in order to obtain her knowledge regarding an unknown subject as a possible "NORJAK" suspect. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated her [redacted] worked for a man who has a large safe in his basement. [redacted] worked on the safe in the man's house and was told not to talk about it. [redacted] furnished [redacted] work telephone number as [redacted] and stated he worked for [redacted] and to contact [redacted] regarding any further details.

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[redacted] McMinnville, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the purpose of the interview was to obtain her knowledge regarding an unknown subject as a possible "NORJAK" suspect. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated all the information she had was second-hand. Approximately [redacted] years ago, [redacted] worked for McMinnville Hospital. She worked in [redacted].

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[redacted] told [redacted] there was a man who used to work in the [redacted] of the hospital who flashed money. The money was always in large denominations. This man disappeared around the same time as the unknown subject in "NORJAK." [redacted] also told [redacted] the man worked under an alias name, but had no idea what the name was.

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[redacted] also was unaware of where [redacted] is currently. [redacted] has retired and [redacted] has not worked at the hospital for [redacted] years.

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Investigation on 8/17/89 at McMinnville, Oregon

by SA [redacted] Date dictated [redacted]

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On August 17, 1989, [redacted] was contact
 at his place of employment, [redacted], telephone number
 [redacted] regarding the information obtained from
 [redacted] his [redacted] regarding the unknown
 subject as a possible "NORJAK" suspect. After being advised of
 the identity of the interviewing Agent, [redacted] furnished the
 following information:

[redacted] stated [redacted] is totally mistaken and is
 probably [redacted] just laughed about the
 whole story.

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b7DInvestigation on 8/17/89 at Portland, Oregon

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated

8/18/89

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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 8/26/89

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE
 2 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (P)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 (OO: Seattle)

5 Re Seattle airtels to Portland, 7/31/89, and 8/7/89.

6 Enclosed for Seattle are one original and two copies
 7 each of FD-302s regarding the interviews with [redacted]
 8 [redacted] and [redacted].

9 [redacted] stated the information obtained from [redacted] was
 not correct and stated she must be [redacted].

10 [redacted] stated her information was second-hand, which she
 11 obtained [redacted] years ago from [redacted] was unaware of
 12 [redacted] current address, who has retired from the hospital. [redacted]
 has not worked at the hospital for at least [redacted] years.

13 ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 19 2 - Seattle (Enc. 9)
 20 ② - Portland
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DB Cooper-43802

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription September 30, 1987

[redacted] was interviewed in the Denver Office of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] home address is [redacted], Bennett, Colorado. [redacted] has no home phone in Bennett, Colorado. [redacted] works for GEIGER-KROGH, INCORPORATED, 4910 Iris Street, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033, telephone [redacted]. This company deals with data systems consulting and contract maintenance.

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[redacted] advised that on September 28, 1987, he was engaged in conversation with a [redacted] during which [redacted] indicated that he had met someone who he believed might be D. B. COOPER. [redacted] advised [redacted] that while he was living in Lake Oswego, Oregon, he had occasion to visit a man by the name of [redacted] at [redacted] home. [redacted] observed a newspaper clipping of the hijacking perpetrated by D. B. COOPER which also had a composite drawing of COOPER. [redacted] advised that [redacted] looked exactly like the composite of COOPER. [redacted] also advised [redacted] that [redacted] was a recluse and that very few people were ever invited into his home. [redacted] continued by stating that [redacted] lived in a well-to-do neighborhood in Lake Oswego, Oregon, which is a resort town located 30 or 40 miles east of Portland, Oregon.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently residing with [redacted] Broomfield, Colorado, telephone [redacted] stated that [redacted] was currently looking for a residence of his own and intended to move to the Boulder, Colorado, area.

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[redacted] could not provide any further information in regards to this matter.

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DB Cooper-43803

Investigation on 9/30/87 at Denver, Colorado

File #

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated

164A-SE-81-25

9/30/87

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 8/10/89

TO [REDACTED] PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM [REDACTED] SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re SUB [REDACTED].

Enclosed for Portland is one copy of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [REDACTED]

As indicated in the enclosed FD-302, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had relayed to him that he suspected [REDACTED] of being identical with UNSUB in this matter. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] looked exactly like the composite of COOPER. [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] was a recluse and that very few people were ever invited into his home, which was a well-to-do neighborhood in the Lake Oswego, Oregon area.

An attempt was made to relocate [REDACTED] through [REDACTED], without success.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISIONAT LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON

If deemed feasible, attempt through public records, such as telephone directories and city directories, attempt to identify [REDACTED] as possibly being the same [REDACTED] referred to by source [REDACTED]. If [REDACTED] can be identified, conduct appropriate investigation to process him as a NORJAK suspect.

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③ - Portland (Enc. 1)
 1 - Denver (164A-98) [REDACTED]
 3 - Seattle

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Re 64A
 8/30/89

Per [REDACTED]

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Date 8/31/89

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 OO: SEATTLE

5 Re Seattle airtel to Portland dated 8/10/89.

6 For information of Seattle, attempts were made through
 7 telephone directories and city directories to identify [] or
 8 [] with negative results.

9 ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
 The Oregonian
 Portland, Oregon

Date: September 13, 1989
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Title: NORJAK
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Character: 164-SE-81
 or 80-715
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Indexing:

Alas, it wasn't the legendary

D.B. Cooper after all

By ROBERTA ULRICH

of The Oregonian staff

A New Jersey man facing trial in the 1971 slaying of his family is not the legendary airline hijacker known as D.B. Cooper, a New Jersey investigator said Monday.

The FBI long ago concluded that Cooper most likely died when he jumped from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Southwest Washington with \$200,000 on Nov. 24, 1971. However, the agency has continued to investigate tips it receives about Cooper's true identity. Since June, agents have been trying to determine whether John List, now 64, could be Cooper.

List vanished Nov. 9, 1971, the day authorities think his mother, wife and three teen-age children were shot to death in the family's home at Westfield, N.J. After investigators found the five bodies Dec. 9, 1971, they considered the possibility that List could be Cooper.

"There are no new developments."

— John Eyer,
 FBI agent

The New Jersey man was not found until this year. His arrest June 1 at Midlothian, Va., reactivated the FBI's interest in him.

However, Capt. Frank Marranca of the Union County, N.J., prosecutor's office, said Monday in a telephone interview, "The best we can determine, John List was in Denver" at the time of the hijacking. "As far as we can tell he's not D.B. Cooper."

Marranca said he could not discuss what led authorities to conclude that List had been in Colorado at the time of the hijacking because

List has not been tried on the murder charges.

John Eyer, assistant agent in charge of the FBI office in Seattle, said he could not comment on Marranca's statement because the investigation was pending. He said only, "There are no new developments."

Ralph Himmelsbach, the retired FBI agent who investigated the hijacking for nine years, said Marranca's statement was "very consistent with my belief" that Cooper perished in the 1971 jump. If Cooper had survived, he said, a number of coincidences made the New Jersey man one of the best suspects he had encountered.

List, meanwhile, has pleaded innocent to the murder charges and remained in the Union County Jail at Elizabeth, N.J., with bail set at \$5 million. Marranca said List's trial had been tentatively set for December, but no firm date had been selected.

List, an accountant, lived and worked in the Denver area most of the time he was a fugitive.

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DB Cooper-43806

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/3/89

[redacted], date of birth [redacted]
[redacted], Beaverton, Oregon, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, which was to determine any information he had regarding the subject, NORJAK. He furnished the following information:

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[redacted] stated he found a parachute harness while water skiing several years ago in the location where the NORJAK money was located. He stated he contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at that time to turn over the harness. He was informed by a Special Agent that the harness he found was not the type of harness they were looking for.

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[redacted] stated he thought the harness he found was a military-type harness, as stated on the television show "Unsolved Mysteries". He kept the harness for a long time, then threw it away when it began to smell. He stated the straps looked like they had been cut with a knife. Before he threw the harness away, he cut off the clips and kept them.

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[redacted] stated he was contacted by a retired FBI Agent approximately two years ago saying he wanted the clips, but has never recontacted [redacted] for them. [redacted] stated he has since misplaced or thrown out the clips.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/21/89

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Date 10/3/89

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 4 (OO: Seattle)

5 Re Seattle airtel to Portland dated 8/7/89.

6 Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of
 7 an FD-302 regarding the interview with [redacted]
 8 stated he kept the parachute harness for a long time, then threw
 9 it away. He thought it was a military-type parachute, which was
 described on the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" which was
 aired on 10/12/88.

10 Inasmuch as the leads in Portland have been completed,
 11 Portland is placing this case in an RUC status.

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 14 2 - Seattle (Encls. 2)
 15 ① - Portland

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ALL These YEARS I MAY OF had Some KNOWLEDge
OF The D.O. COOPER AIRPLANE HI-JACK WITHoot MY
REALIZING IT. I Believe He WAS FROM JUNEAU,
ALASKA, ALSO WAS INJURED AND DIED LATER,
FROM Those INJURIES. He WAS AN EXPERIENCED
PILOT-MARRIED WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Lived AT KALAMA, WASHINGTON.
STEP FATHER is DEAD-DON'T KNOW ABOUT [REDACTED]
There LAST NAME WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Live AT

ALBANY OREGON. He DID WORK AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID Live IN ALBANY - WAS

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MARRIED [REDACTED] AND The NAME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who FOUND The money Seems To have A
CONNECTION IN This Some WAY. She DID
HAVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which WAS AT ALBANY

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[REDACTED] b6
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[REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL DAYS
AT THE TIME OF THE HI-JACKING, AND AFTER.

I REMEMBER HER MENTION [REDACTED] HAVING
TO GO HELP FIND [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] OR b7C
SOMETHING IN THAT AREA.

[REDACTED] WAS AT THEIR HOUSE
A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE HI-JACKING. ALSO WAS TO
RETURN TO [REDACTED] IN KALAMA, WASH. b6
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I BELIEVE (COOPER) WAS FOUND AND EITHER DIED
IN WASHINGTON OR WAS MOVED BACK TO
JUNEAU WHERE HE DIED AND WAS BURIED.

EITHER WAY [REDACTED] MADE b6
TWO OR THREE TRIPS TO JUNEAU ALASKA. A b7C
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE HI-JACKING
THEY ALSO FLEW TO RENO, THEN TO SOUTHERN
CALIF. ALSO TO HAWAII. [REDACTED] ALSO MADE SEVERAL
TRIPS BY HIS SELF. SEVERAL TRIPS TO MEXICO. b6
IT MAY BE THAT [REDACTED] WAS THE NAME OF b7C
(COOPER) OR [REDACTED] MAY HAVE SAID
IT AT THE TIME - SOME WAY IT SURE SEEMS
TO BE CONNECTED TO THIS.

[REDACTED] ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE
AREA IN WHICH COOPER'S WAS TO OF DISAPPEARED,
ALSO BEEN ON [REDACTED] MANY

[REDACTED]

IF YOU FIND THAT THESE BITS AND PIECES MAY
HELP YOU AND I CAN FURTHER HELP YOU

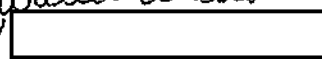
[REDACTED]

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Main office

Portland Oregon

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Date 12/11/89

1 TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
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 3 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81)(RUC)
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 5 NORJACK
 6 (OO: Seattle)

7 Enclosed for Seattle is one original letter written by
 8 an anonymous writer from address [redacted]
 9 Walla Walla, Washington, telephone number [redacted]. The
 10 letter is being routed to Seattle for evaluation and follow-up
 11 investigation.

12 Portland is placing this case in an RUC'd status.

13 ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 20 1 - Portland
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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
 The Oregonian
 Portland, Oregon

Date: December 2, 1989
 Edition:

Title: NORJACK

Character: 164A-SE-81
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New book claims Cooper Utah man

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two ex-law-enforcement officers claim Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., a slain Utah sky-jacker, was Dan Cooper.

A man who identified himself as Cooper hijacked a Northwest Orient 727 on Thanksgiving 1971, extorted \$200,000 from the airline and parachuted into the night.

No trace of Cooper was found after he parachuted from the jetliner near Portland, but some of the cash surfaced along the Columbia River in 1980. Most investigators believe the man perished.

McCoy was convicted of hijacking a Denver-to-Los Angeles flight on April 7, 1972, and bailing out over his hometown of Provo, Utah, with \$500,000. McCoy was sentenced to 45 years in prison and was shot to death Nov. 9, 1974, by FBI agents in Virginia Beach, Va., after escaping with three others from a federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa.

In the recently completed manuscript, "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (D.B. Cooper — No Longer a Mystery)," Bernie A. Rhodes, former FBI division chief in Salt Lake City, and Russell P. Calame, former chief U.S. probation and parole agent, contend McCoy was Cooper.

They cite parallels in the hijackings, such as both men getting four parachutes, both using the phrase "no funny stuff" in their ransom notes and both showing knowledge of pilot terminology.

At the time of the McCoy hijacking, it was thought to be a rather inept copy of the earlier, greatly publicized skyjacking.

Both hijackings were during vacation time at Brigham Young University, where McCoy was a student.

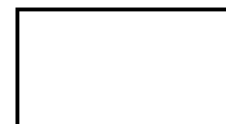
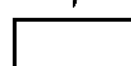
They also said they have found evidence disputing family accounts that McCoy had been at home in Provo on Thanksgiving 1971.

They speculate that McCoy drove from Provo to Las Vegas on or before Thanksgiving Eve, flew to Portland, bought a ticket on Northwest Orient to Seattle, hijacked the plane, parachuted, walked back to Portland, caught a flight to Las Vegas and drove home to Provo.

Rhodes said that in a pre-sentence interview with him in 1972, McCoy neither admitted nor denied guilt in the Cooper hijacking.

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Date 1/12/90

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
 [redacted], SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 [redacted] RJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re subject [redacted] (Unsolved Mysteries lead);
 Seattle airtel to Portland dated 8/7/89; and Portland airtel to
 Seattle dated 8/21/89.

Inasmuch as preliminary investigation by the Portland
 Division at Klamath Falls, Oregon, indicates [redacted] could
 possibly be identical with UNSUB in this matter, the following
 additional leads are being set out:

LEADS:PORTLAND DIVISIONAT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

1. Will reinterview Chief of Police DANNY TOFFEL,
 Klamath Falls Police Department and determine from him his
 opinion as to whether [redacted] could be identical with UNSUB in
 this matter.

2. Will, through Department of Motor Vehicles records,
 attempt to obtain a driver's license photograph of [redacted].

3. Will conduct credit and criminal checks not
 previously conducted in the Klamath Falls area to determine any
 further information which might be useful in processing [redacted] as
 a NORJAK suspect.

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③ - Portland
 3 - Seattle

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Date 2/13/90

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81)
 2 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81)(RUC)
 3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 4 OO; SEATTLE

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 6 Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 1/12/90.

7 On 2/13/90, COP DANNY TOFFEL, Klamath Falls, Oregon,
 8 Police Department, advised he had no opinion regarding the
 9 possibility that [redacted] was identical to the UNSUB in this
 10 investigation. He said the information he learned about [redacted]
 originally came from [redacted], Klamath
 Falls, Oregon.

11 On 2/13/90, [redacted] was interviewed, and in addition
 12 to the information previously furnished to DANNY TOFFEL, he
 13 advised that [redacted] was married to a woman named [redacted] and he
 14 had been a [redacted] in Klamath Falls, Oregon.
 He advised he had no idea where the company, [redacted]
 [redacted], was located in Montana, but he believed [redacted] was
 residing near that company.

15 On 2/13/90, contact with the [redacted]
 16 [redacted], Salem, Oregon, determined [redacted] had an [redacted]
 17 [redacted], and in 1984 his address was on [redacted]
 [redacted], Darby, Montana. Telephonic contacts determined [redacted]
 [redacted] was located in Hamilton, Montana, just north

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/20/89

[redacted] Enumclaw, Washington, telephone number [redacted] date of birth [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. She then provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that in March, 1988, while she was living in Aurora, Illinois, two FBI Agents from Chicago interviewed her concerning [redacted] stated that the agents from Chicago were concerned that [redacted] may in fact be D.B. COOPER, subject of Seattle case 164A-81. [redacted] stated she did not know the names of the agents from Chicago. [redacted] stated that she told the agents from Chicago that they should also interview [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] further stated that she last saw [redacted] in late 1982 or early 1983. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had provided [redacted] and her husband, [redacted], jobs in Salem, Oregon. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had a company by the name of [redacted] in Salem, Oregon, that did [redacted] [redacted] stated that she and her husband were employed at the [redacted] in Oregon. [redacted] stated that [redacted] then said that she would be promoted to a [redacted] [redacted] and do work for his company in San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] stated that she and her husband moved to San Antonio, Texas in early 1983. [redacted] stated that when they got there, [redacted] and that she and her husband [redacted] in order to get the job done. [redacted] stated that, after disagreeing with [redacted] and her husband left Texas and went back to Illinois. [redacted] stated that [redacted] address in Salem, Oregon was [redacted], Salem, Oregon. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] was married to a lady named [redacted] while he lived in Salem, Oregon. [redacted] stated that [redacted] have since become divorced.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] in the Salem, Oregon area, but she

Investigation on 1/4/89 at Enumclaw, Washington

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/4/89

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does not know what [] address currently is.

[] stated that she has not had any contact with [] for several years. [] stated that she recently talked to [], Wilsonville, Oregon, telephone number [] stated that she had gone to visit [] on October 31, 1988. [] stated that while visiting [] the subject of [] and his connection with D.B. COOPER was discussed. [] stated that [] had written to [] and asked [] to pass on information to [].

[] further stated that [] was currently in a home where she received care, and that [] would react hysterically whenever mention of D.B. COOPER was made. [] also told [] that she had noticed [] refuse to respond to any questions concerning D.B. COOPER, to [] whenever the subject was brought up. [] stated that [] would know a lot more about [] personal statistics in regards to date of birth, than she would.

[] stated that [], Ontario, California, telephone number [], was a [], and would also be able to provide more information concerning [] stated that [] told her that [] had [] [] stated that she believed [] was now living in Minnesota.

[] stated that the address she has now for [] [], Zim, Minnesota.

[] described [] as follows:

Name: []

Aliases: []

Race: []

Sex: []

Date of birth: []

Place of birth: []

Eyes: []

Hair: []

Facial hair: []

Other: []

White

Male

Brown

Gray

Full beard

Wears prescription glasses.

[] provided a photograph of [] and his ex-wife, [], taken in 1982.

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☐ Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 1/12/90

TO [REDACTED] PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM [REDACTED] SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Portland Division is one copy of a
 FD-302 reflecting interview with [REDACTED] by SA
 [REDACTED] on 1/4/89.

[REDACTED] states that she suspects [REDACTED] is identical
 with UNSUB in this matter. She further advises that [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Wilsonville, Oregon,
 telephone number [REDACTED], may have further information
 concerning [REDACTED] description and date of birth, as well as
 his possible involvement in captioned matter.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISIONAT WILSONVILLE, OREGON

Will locate and interview [REDACTED] to determine
 any information she may have concerning captioned matter.

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③ - Portland (Enc. 1)
 2 - Seattle

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Portland lead [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]:

AT AURORA, OREGON

[redacted], Aurora, Oregon, telephone number [redacted], was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] on March 2, 1990, and provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that she does not suspect that her brother, [redacted] is D. P. COOPER. [redacted] further stated that she has no knowledge of any association or involvement of her brother with the captioned matter. The last known address [redacted] had for her brother was [redacted], Zim, Minnesota.

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Date 4/13/90

1 TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

2 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (RWC)

3 SUBJECT: NORJACK;
4 (OO: Seattle)

5 Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 1/12/90.

6 Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of an insert of
7 investigation conducted on 3/2/90, by Special Agent [] of
8 the Portland Division.

9 Portland will conduct no further active investigation.

10 ARMED AND DANGEROUS.11
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18 2 - Seattle (Enc. 2)
19 ② - Portland20 (4) []
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Date 8/22/90

1 TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
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 3 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81) (RUC)

4 NORJACK
 5 (OO: Seattle)

6 Enclosed for Seattle are one photograph and two letters
 7 provided to Portland Division by [redacted]

8 During March, 1990, [redacted]
 9 River Pines, California, contacted the Portland Division and
 10 advised she had a photograph of an individual she believed looked
 11 like the hijacker of captioned case. Portland Division subsequently
 12 received a letter postmarked 3/22/90, which enclosed a photograph
 13 accompanying this communication.

14 By registered mail postmarked 8/9/90, [redacted] enclosed
 15 a two-page letter with a supposed explanation as to the identity
 16 of the individuals in the photograph. Due to the confused nature
 17 of the letter, Seattle Division may wish to place this letter
 18 in their NORJACK zero file.

1 - Seattle (Enc. 3)
 2 - Portland

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☒ Negative ☒ See below

Subject's name and aliases

D.B. Cooper;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Character of case

164-41

Complainant ☐ Protect Source

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 8/17/91 Time 12:09 P

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

TROUTDALE, O.R.

Subject's
Description

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

Height

Hair

Build

Birth date and Birthplace

Age

Weight

Eyes

Complexion

Social Security Number

Scars, marks or other data

Facts of complaint

Caller advised he believed D.B. Cooper to be [redacted] based upon [redacted] likeness to wax creation of D.B. Cooper depicted in Newport, Or. Col. [redacted] was [redacted]

While working at [redacted] caller saw that the [redacted] had a guest signature of D.B. Cooper. Caller advised that at the time he thought it could have been a prank signature, but upon seeing the likeness between [redacted] and wax creation felt he should report it for information.

Action Recommended

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Date 10/18/91

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) (PRIORITY)
 SAC, PORTLAND (164-) (PRIORITY)
 SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-A-0220) (PRIORITY)
 SAC, SEATTLE (164-A-81) (PRIORITY)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (164-A-402) (P) (GMRA)

SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 C.A.A. - HIJACKING
 (OO:SEATTLE)

LARRY WILLIAM QUANDT
 NORJACK SUSPECT #997

ARMED & DANGEROUS

Re: Seattle Airtel to Bureau 1/23/90.
 NK telcalls to San Francisco 7/13/91.

For information of the Bureau and receiving offices,
 the following is a summary of the investigation conducted by
 the Newark Division in regard to suspect LARRY WILLIAM
 QUANDT.

On 4/29/87 [redacted], Sparta, New Jersey, advised
 that in the summer of 1985 she needed someone to do repair
 work around her house as she had just broken up with her ex-
 boyfriend [redacted] described her ex-boyfriend
 [redacted] who was always telling stories
 about his alleged wartime activities as a [redacted] in
 Vietnam.

2 - Bureau
 ② - Portland
 2 - San Francisco
 2 - Seattle
 2 - Quantico (Attn: Behavioral Science Unit)
 2 - Newark

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Speculative book on

D.B. Cooper identity

stirs court action

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge issued a temporary restraining order this week, prohibiting sale of a book claiming a Utah man was the legendary skyjacker D.B. Cooper.

But at an emergency Utah Supreme Court hearing a few hours later, an attorney for plaintiff Karen Burns McCoy withdrew the request for the temporary restraining order.

In the book, "D.B. Cooper: The Real McCoy," co-authors Russell Calame and Bernie Rhodes say Cooper was really the late Provo skyjacker Richard Floyd McCoy. The book was published in September by the University of Utah Press.

Those who investigated the Cooper hijacking were skeptical of the

book's claim. The book stems from an incident Nov. 24, 1971, in which a man calling himself D.B. Cooper hijacked a Boeing 727 during a flight from Portland to Seattle. He demanded \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes.

After the plane landed in Seattle, he released the 36 passengers and some of the crew in exchange for the ransom. Cooper ordered the crew to fly to Reno, Nev. Over southwest Washington, near the Oregon border, Cooper opened an exit door and jumped. He has never been located and his body was never found.

McCoy was convicted of a 1972 hijacking in which he bailed out over Provo with \$500,000. He escaped from prison and was shot to death

by FBI agents.

McCoy's widow, Karen Burns, sought the court order claiming the book is full of lies and violates her right to privacy.

Burns filed a lawsuit in 3rd District Court on Jan. 3, asking for unspecified damages and a jury trial.

After a hearing Tuesday, David Watkiss, attorney for the authors, said he was outraged at 3rd District Judge Homer Wilkinson's order.

Watkiss went immediately from that court to the Utah Supreme Court. He was granted an emergency hearing and after arguments, McCoy's attorney, Michael Morhman, withdrew the request.

Watkiss said the order was vague

and a clear violation of the First Amendment.

"I am mystified," Watkiss said. "There was no justification for it as far I can tell. The book is out and it will remain out. One wonders what the point of an injunction against the authors is when the book is out."

The book is in its second printing and about 3,000 copies have been sold to wholesalers and individuals, said Nana Anderson, director of the University of Utah Press.

An agent has been hired to handle movie rights, but no deals are under way, she said.

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PORTLAND, OREGON

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D.B. Cooper book sales stay alive

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge has refused to ban further sales of a book claiming a deceased Utah man was the legendary skyjacker Dan Cooper.

Third District Court Judge Homer Wilkinson said Thursday that some allegations against the Utah skyjacker's widow, Karen Burns McCoy, in the book "D.B. Cooper: The Real McCoy" may not be repeated in any movie version.

But he refused to take the book, published by the University of Utah Press in October 1991, off the shelves.

"It's not something now that can be pulled back by an injunction," he said.

Mrs. McCoy sued the book's authors, Russell Calame and Bernie Rhodes, in January to ban further sales on the grounds that it contains lies and violates her right to privacy.

The book claims the late Richard Floyd McCoy of Provo was Cooper, the name used by a man who parachuted from a Boeing 727 over southwestern Washington on Nov. 24, 1971, and was never found. Those

who investigated the Cooper hijacking have been skeptical of the book's claims, and Cooper's identity remains a mystery.

McCoy was shot to death by FBI agents in 1974. He had escaped from a federal prison in Lewisburg, Pa., after he was convicted for a 1972 skyjacking in which he bailed out over Provo with \$500,000.

During testimony Thursday, Mrs. McCoy contended the book and the publicity surrounding it have destroyed her.

"I have attempted to keep this private because I was trying to put that behind me in my life," she said. "I was trying to raise two children and give them a normal life after they had been through such hell."

McCoy denied allegations in the book that she drove a getaway car in her husband's prison escape, dated an FBI agent, conspired with the FBI to have her husband captured or killed and once threatened to throw her daughter under the wheels of a truck.

"I was not unfaithful to Richard McCoy. I did not help have him killed. I feel like I'm barely holding on, and I have worked so hard to hold on," she said.

Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81)

Date 6/1/92

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: NORJAK
(OO: Seattle)

Evidence is being maintained in captioned case since warrant is outstanding in Portland Division for subject and U.S. Attorney has requested that evidence be retained.

It is requested that evidence in this matter be retained indefinitely.

(2) - Portland (164A-SE-81)

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(1) [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/14/93

On 1/6/93, [redacted], Rowlett, Texas, was personally interviewed. [redacted] was made aware of the official identity of Special Agent [redacted] of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION and that the interview concerned D.B. COOPER and the possibility that [redacted] had met COOPER, he then provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that while watching a television program about the D.B. COOPER investigation, on a local FOX television program approximately one month ago, he recalled meeting an individual named [redacted] who closely resembled the composite drawing of COOPER shown on television.

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[redacted], who is employed by KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROAD was loading a rail car at MARAZZI TILE COMPANY (MTC) approximately six months ago when he met [redacted], according to [redacted] was a [redacted] who was also picking up a load of tile at MTC. The two began a conversation during which [redacted] said that he owned either [redacted] of land in St. Michoud, Oregon. [redacted] told [redacted] that he had purchased this land with funds obtained from a [redacted]

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[redacted] mentioned to [redacted] that he would not mind residing in the State of Oregon, at which time [redacted] offered to sell him some land for [redacted] an acre.

[redacted] and [redacted] then talked about their military careers, [redacted] is in the Army and [redacted] is in the Marine Corps. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was a Marine Corps [redacted] who had 25 years of service, two tours in Vietnam and had made over 200 parachute jumps while in the Corps. [redacted] told [redacted] that his nickname in the Service was [redacted].

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Before [redacted] and [redacted] went their separate ways, [redacted] provided [redacted] with his home address and phone number, should [redacted] be interested in purchasing some of the land in Oregon. [redacted] told [redacted] that just from their conversation,

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Investigation on 1/6/93 at ROWLETT, TEXASFile # 164A-SE-81-46
164A-DL-63643

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated

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Date 1/14/93

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 DALLAS (164A-SE-81) (VC/F-JTF) (RUC)
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Enclosed for the Seattle Division is one 1-A envelope containing a small sheet of paper with [redacted] name and address written on it and one original and one copy of an FD-302 regarding the interview of [redacted]. Enclosed for the Portland Division is one copy of an FD-302 regarding the interview of [redacted].

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For information of Seattle and Portland Divisions, on 11/29/92, [redacted], Rowlett, Texas, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Dallas Division and provided information he believed related to captioned matter.

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On 1/6/93, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] contacted [redacted] at his residence at which time, [redacted] advised that he is employed by KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROAD in Greenville, Texas. Approximately six months ago [redacted] was loading a rail car at MARAZZI TILE (MT), in Dallas, Texas, when he met an individual named [redacted] was at MT loading a [redacted] when he and [redacted] began to converse. According to [redacted], during this conversation [redacted] told [redacted] that he had either [redacted] of land in St. Michoud, Oregon. [redacted] told [redacted] he had bought the land with money he received on an [redacted].

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- ② - Portland
 2 - Seattle (164A-SE-81)
 2 - Dallas

*The land is not being assigned
 St. Michoud in Oregon
 not what.*
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As the conversation continued, [] offered to sell [] some of the land for [] an acre. [] said that his closest neighbor in Oregon was 100 miles away and that [] and his wife would be excellent neighbors.

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[] advised [] that he was a former Marine with 25 years of service and two tours in Vietnam. [] also told [] that while in the Marine Corps he had made 200 parachute jumps. [] stated that while watching the FOX television network locally one night, he observed the show featuring D.B. COOPER and believe [] and COOPER were very similar. [] also thought it strange that a man [] [] Additionally, [] thought [] must have received a large settlement to afford all that land in Oregon.

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[] provided the enclosed sheet of paper that [] wrote his address and phone number on to SA [].

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Name:	[]
Nickname:	[]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	[] years of age
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	150-160 pounds
Hair:	Brownish blonde
Eyes:	Possibly green
Build:	Small
Complexion:	Fair
Scars Marks Tattoos:	Possibly a []
Glasses:	Wore prescription glasses
Address:	[]
Telephone:	Saint Michoud, Oregon []

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LEAD

PORTLAND DIVISION

AT ST. MICHLOUD, OREGON

Should conduct appropriate investigation to determine if [] is identical with subject of captioned matter.

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Dallas Division considers this matter RUC.



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Portland Division

Office of the Special Agent in Charge

P.O. Box 509
Portland, Oregon 97208

January 12, 1993

[redacted]
KPTV Channel 12
735 N. W. 20th Place
Portland, Oregon 97209

Dear [redacted]:

I am sorry I've held onto [redacted] for so long. I found it very interesting, and obviously there are instances that would indicate McCoy could possibly have been D. B. Cooper. As we previously discussed, I would entertain your detailed observations and make an attempt to resolve them through official channels.

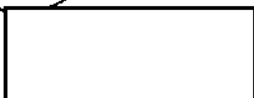
I hope [redacted] is meeting with success. I think [redacted] interesting and timely topics to the public.

Sincerely,

ROBIN L. MONTGOMERY
Special Agent in Charge

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1-Portland (164A-SE-81)



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Date 9/17/93

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)

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OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Reference suspect, [REDACTED].

Reference Dallas airtel to Seattle and Portland,
 dated 1/14/93.

Reference communication set forth lead for the
 Portland Division at St. Michoud, Oregon. To date, Seattle
 has not received results of that investigation. Portland
 Division is requested to forward results of requested
 investigation to Seattle.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- ② - Portland
 1 - Dallas (Info.)
 2 - Seattle

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SSA [REDACTED]

was telephonically contacted
 and advised the lead
 not being covered because
 on St. Michoud, Oregon

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Date 2/2/94

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (OM 164-21)

SUBJECT : UNSUB, aka
D. B. Cooper;
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT

For information of Portland Division, the Omaha Division, Cedar Rapids Resident Agency, was contacted on 1/20/94 by [redacted], telephone number [redacted] advised that she had viewed a recent episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" which had featured the airplane hijacking by an unknown subject known as D. B. COOPER. [redacted] advised that the artist's sketch of COOPER shown during the episode bore a striking resemblance to [redacted] of Portland, Oregon. [redacted] has not seen or talked to [redacted] for several years and does not know of anyone else in [redacted] who has seen or talked to [redacted] recently. She stated that herself, and other members [redacted], have long tried to stay away from [redacted] because he is [redacted].

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She stated that [redacted] has lived in Portland for a long period of time and is employed by [redacted] in Portland. She indicated [redacted] is a Vietnam veteran who was discharged from the military sometime during the late 1960s. He is an [redacted] who has informed [redacted] in the past that he [redacted] in Oregon, helping out with [redacted], etc. [redacted] was unable to provide any additional information other than the artist's sketch of COOPER was nearly identical to her memories of [redacted] facial features.

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Per [redacted]

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OM 164-22

This information is being furnished to the Portland
Division for whatever purposes Portland deems appropriate.

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DB Cooper-43845

Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-SE-81)

Date 4/24/95

From : IA [redacted]

Subject: UNSUB, aka
D.B. Cooper;
OO: SEATTLE

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On 4/24/95, [redacted], telephone [redacted],
[redacted], contacted Portland Office, and provided the following
information:

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[redacted] Bill's Steak House, 10227 N.E.
Sandy Blvd., Portland, Oregon, has a customer [redacted]
[redacted] true name unknown. The customer is possibly [redacted]
years of age and looks like a [redacted] type of individual. He
carries alot of money and gives extremely weather worn \$20.00 and
\$100.00 bills each time he comes in, [redacted]
[redacted] when he gives the money to the waitress.

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The customer is described as:

[redacted] years of age
long beard
light color eyes
[redacted] looking

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Due to his [redacted] circumstances, [redacted] felt he
should be checked out as the notorious D.B. Cooper.

② - Portland



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DB Cooper-43846

Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (PD 164-41*) (C)

Date 5/28/95

[redacted] : SA [redacted]

Subject: INFORMATION CONCERNING DB COOPER CASE

Writer was contacted by [redacted], on 05/27/95 at 9:01 AM concerning possible identification of DB COOPER, after watching program on A&E this morning. She resides at [redacted], Fayetteville AR, telephone [redacted].

She said that she and [redacted] used to live in WA in [redacted]. They [redacted] from an individual who was [redacted] of the person she suspects as being Cooper. His name is [redacted] and lives in [redacted] (phonetic) WA.

[redacted] was at that time in his [redacted] but looked younger. He resided with [redacted] in their [redacted]. Approximately a week after the hijacking she saw [redacted]. She said this was quite unusual as he [redacted] to her seemed to match the sketches of Cooper. [redacted] was an experienced parachutist and knew the area very well. She said that he was always [redacted] because he [redacted]

[redacted]

She had already called America's Most Wanted and Unsolved Mysteries with the same information, when they televised broadcasts on Cooper.

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DB Cooper-43847

Memorandum



To : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41*) (C)

Date 5/28/95

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF DB COOPER

Writer was contacted by [redacted] on 5.27.95 at 9:08 AM. His DOB is [redacted], and resides at [redacted], Jeolton TN, telephone H [redacted], pager [redacted]. He had watched an A&E special on DB COOPER this AM and thought he might know the identity of subject.

He stated that during the time frame of [redacted] through [redacted] he was stationed at MCChord AFB WA. He worked in the [redacted] group that specialized in reading and parachuting into areas using topographic maps. One of the NCO's who as assigned to his group the [redacted] was a man who they nicknamed [redacted] who lived in Tacoma WA at that time. [redacted] had been a member of that group for quite a while before he arrived at McChord.

[redacted] was in his 50's at the time but looked like he was in his 30's and was very muscular and in excellent physical shape. In [redacted] won an award for setting the northwest tracking manoeuver in record time. It was sponsored by a whiskey company, he thinks Segrarm's. [redacted] never lacked for money and didn't mind spending it on his friends and associates. He would have retired from the military by this time and doesn't know the identity of [redacted] his address or any other information other than he looked identical to the sketches on TV.

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DB Cooper-43848

Memorandum



*DB. COOPER
164A-SE-81*

Subject <u>U.S. v. John Doe, aka Dan Cooper</u> CR 76-229		Date October 4, 1995
To Supv. Special Agent [redacted]	From AUSA [redacted]	

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[redacted] as I indicated to you, this matter has been reassigned to me. I received a phone call today from [redacted] [redacted] resides in Eugene, Oregon. Her work number is [redacted] and her home number is [redacted]. She indicates [redacted] and she is pro law enforcement. In the [redacted] she was living in [redacted] Oregon. She is aware of an individual who used to talk about the D.B. Cooper incident and apparently wrote a story about it that was never published. He was [redacted] in World War II. According to [redacted], many individuals in [redacted] felt this person was D.B. Cooper. He would consistently pay for things with \$20 bills and lived a very quite life. In addition, she indicates people observed [redacted] in his residence with [redacted].

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This individual is [redacted], who resides at [redacted] [redacted] in [redacted] Oregon. His telephone number is [redacted].

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[redacted] indicates he saw the [redacted] residence and is willing to speak with an agent about that. He resides in Texas and his work phone number is [redacted] and his home number is [redacted].

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TO AIRTEL TO ALL SAC'S
11-3-86, CAPTIONED,
(DESTRUCTION OF FIELD
FILES AND RECORDS)
DATE 2.11.97
INITIAL [redacted]

*manually
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Re-OFA
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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AT EUGENE, OREGON

On January 12, 1972, the following photographs were shown to [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that he could not identify any of the individuals in the photographs as being the hijacker of the Northwest Airlines airplane. The photographs are as follows:

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240-HENRY GRADY EPPERSON;

230- "BUZZ" (last name unknown) (LNU);

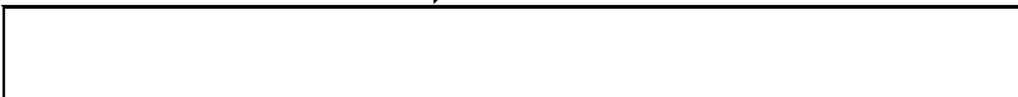
[REDACTED]
145-PETER A. PARLO;

251-JOHN NEAL MARLER;



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174-LESLIE GENE MINCE;



61- HAROLD LEE DOWELL, Solano County Sheriff's Office (CSSO),
Number V62310;

189-ROBERT LEE HORTON, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
(MCSO) Number 13742;



DELBERT EARL DOWNING, Eugene, Oregon Police Department
(EOPD) Number 2746;

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165-JAMES CONRAD CLIFFORD;



202-GEORGE BRYAN SIEGRIST;

MARVIN JOHN COOPER, Washington County Sheriff's Office
(WCSO) Number 22048;

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163 -RALPH VINCENT GALOPE, DC 166858;

[REDACTED];

9- ROBERT HAMMOND KEELY;

69- JOHN GORDON HOSKINS;

1- JOSEPH H. JOHNSTON, Mansfield, Ohio Police Department
Number 18611:

[REDACTED]

ELLOYD J. SNIDER:

[REDACTED]

50-BEN LEIBSON, Carson City, Nevada Police Department
Number 17931;

6-JAMES HENRY ZIMMERMAN:

[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 1, 1971

[redacted], Northwestern Airlines stewardess who was on the Northwestern Airlines Flight 305, which was hijacked between Seattle and Portland on November 24, 1971, was shown photographs and facsimiles of 14 different males, both side and front views:

The following photographs were shown to [redacted]

1. [redacted], date of birth [redacted]
2. WALTER H. MILNER, Date of Birth 7/16/16, FBI Number 723 414 G
3. [redacted], subject of Minneapolis
4. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted]
5. [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Unidentified male - Federal Correctional Institution Number [redacted]

The following facsimiles were shown to [redacted]

1. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
2. Unidentified male, Youngstown Police Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]

On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73

by [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 12/1/71 DB COOPER-43852

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6. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
number [redacted]
7. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Date of birth 4/8/23
Social Security Account number 447-05-4329
Mansfield Police Department number 18611

[redacted] advised that none of the above photographs
or facsimiles displayed to her looked like or resembled
the hijacker.

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2. WALTER H. MILMAR, Date of Birth 7/10/16, FBI Number 723 414 G
3. [redacted] subject of Minneapolis
4. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted]
5. [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Unidentified male - Federal Correctional Institution number [redacted]

The following facsimiles were shown to [redacted]

1. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio Number [redacted]
2. Unidentified male, Youngstown Police Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio number [redacted]

On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73

SAs [redacted]

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by

[redacted] HLL: xju

Date dictated 12/1/71

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6. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
number [redacted]
7. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Date of Birth 4/8/23
Social Security Account Number 447-05-4329
Mansfield Police Department number 18611

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FBI Number 728 414 G
3. [redacted], subject of Minneapolis
4. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted]
5. [redacted], date of birth [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Unidentified male - Federal Correctional
Institution number [redacted]

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The following facsimiles were shown to [redacted]:

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number [redacted]
2. Unidentified male, Youngstown police
Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]

On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73

SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
by [redacted] HNL:rjw Date dictated 12/1/71

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6. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
number [REDACTED]
7. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Date of Birth 4/8/23
Social Security Account Number 447-05-4329
Mansfield Police Department number 18611

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Department number [redacted]
3. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]
4. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]
5. Unidentified male, Cleveland, Ohio
Number [redacted]

On 11/26/71 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
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number [redacted]
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Mansfield Police Department number 18611

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 12-14-71

SAC, Seattle

Your inquiry

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RE: JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON, NORJAK

BUREAU FILE #164-2111

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
☐ Only record available attached.
☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
☐ Records FBI #
☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
☐ Confirming FBI wire of
☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
☐ Your communication is returned.
☒ Attached records may contain pertinent information in captioned matter.

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☒ Copy to: SAC, Portland Enc (1)
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Director

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DB COOPER-43860

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

The following FBI record, NUMBER 514 393 A, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD San Francisco Calif	Joseph Henry Johnson #86053	4-10-47	susp Sec 245 PC	5-12-47 90 da SS \$50 fine o chg of sec 245 PC
SO Colville Wash	Joseph Henry Johnson #1818	8-23-50	2nd deg aslt	pending
SO Kelso Wash	Joe H Johnston #14067	4-17-54	rape	dism
PD Longview Wash	Joe H. Johnston #3768	4-17-54	inv. of rape	TOT SO
SO Marion Ark	Joseph Henry Johnston #7138	8-2-55	aslt & batt	F & C
PD Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #35463	6-18-57	aslt & beat (att rape)	6-26-57 \$50 Fine
Sheriff & Tax Coll Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #SO 39691	6-30-59	Aslt with a Dangerous Weapon	Sent to 30 da in Jail susp 7-1-59
PD Memphis Tenn	Joseph Henry Johnston #74468	2-29-60	inv (S.P. - susp bad checks susp con man)	\$16-\$26 3-1-60 on chg of spe ing NDL
SO Los Angeles Calif	Joseph H. Johnston #3713-561	7-23-60	drk driv (msd)	

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested

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 individual in whom you are interested

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director

The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Los Angeles Calif	Joe Henry Johnston #B-715504	8-2-60	drk driving (msd)	
SO Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #39691	11-14-60	COC (nonsup)	11-14-60 60 das in jail 11-14-60
Sheriff & Tax Coll Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #SC 39691	4-21-61	L by bailee	rel for lack of evidence 4-25-61
SO Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #SO 39691	11-2-61	contempt of court (non support)	
PD Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #35463	1-28-62	J-walk/inv aslt U robb AWDW	
SO Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #39691	1-31-62	aslt & robbery armed	
PD Columbus Miss	Joseph Henry Johnston #2812	8-3-62	false pretense (issuing worthless checks)	60 das on 2 cts - 120 das on Co Farm
SPen Columbus Ohio	Joe H. Johnston #116859	3-20-63	forg 4 c/c	1-20
SO Portland Oreg	Joseph Henry Johnston #39691	3-26-64	Show Cause Order issued	Prob Revoked sent to Not more than 2 yrs at Ore St Pen
SPen Salem Oreg	Joseph H. Johnston #30224	4-30-64	rob by putting in fear not being armed with a dang weapon	2 yrs Oregc SPen Disch 8-3-65
PD Akron Ohio	Joe H. Johnston #56568	4-10-68	PV	TOT Parole Officer

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DB COOPER-43863

Director

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER 514 393 A
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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match
those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

Description and Related Data:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 6'

Weight: 155 lbs

Hair: grey

Eyes: blue

Date and Place of Birth: 4-18-23, Alabama

Scars and Marks: 2" scar on left side of neck- scar on stomach 12"

Address: Portland, Oregon (in 1971)

Occupation: Architect

Since neither fingerprints nor an
identifying number which is indexed
in our files accompanied your request
FBI cannot guarantee in any manner
that this material concerns the
individual in whom you are interested

John Edgar Hoover
Director

DB COOPER-43864

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

cc - each sup

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

On 11/30/71, witness CORD H. Z. SPRECKEL was shown photographs of suspects GARY EVAN JOSEPH SANDAL, ROBERT HAMPTON KEELY, JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON and [REDACTED] SPRECKEL advised that none of the four photographs displayed was the subject in his opinion.

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

Re: JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON

Officer [redacted] of the Longview, Washington Police Department advised on 11/26/71, that JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON DOB 4/8/23, Sulligent, Alabama, was arrested at 2:25 AM, 11/24/71, by the Longview Police Department on a charge of driving while intoxicated and was still in jail at Longview. He said JOHNSTON gave his address as 4005 NE 69th Street, Portland. JOHNSTON is described as:

Height:	6'
Weight:	155 lbs.
Hair:	Grey
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium
Build:	Medium

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10:20 PM URGENT 11/26/71 DCA

TO DIRECTOR CINCINNATI
CLEVELAND LAS VEGAS
MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND
LITTLE ROCK

----- ALL VIA WASHINGTON, D. C. -----

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO
SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
OO: SEATTLE.

SUSPECT JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON ELIMINATED. LONGVIEW, WASH-
INGTON, POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON, DOB
APRIL EIGHT, TWENTYTHREE, POB SULLIGENT, ALA., ADDRESS FOUR ZERO
ZERO FIVE NE SIXTYNINTH ST., PORTLAND, AT TWO TWENTYFIVE PM,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED AND HE IS
STILL IN LONGVIEW JAIL AT THIS TIME.

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WJM R E RELAY FBI WA

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DB COOPER-43867

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

11/27/71

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 306
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
EXTORTION
(OO:SE)

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON

Investigation concerning captioned suspect has resulted in obtaining a good photograph of him which has been shown to witnesses [redacted] and [redacted]. Both witnesses say that he does not resemble the subject.

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Further investigation showed that subject was in custody of the Longview Police Department since early morning of November 24, 1971, and is therefore, definitely eliminated.

Other offices having leads to investigate this suspect have been advised to discontinue.

*copies of Ser. 42, 50151
in main file not made
for this file as susp.
eliminated*

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TO DIRECTOR

SEATTLE

CLEVELAND

FROM CINCINNATI (164-55) 1P

UNSUB, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00:SE.

[REDACTED], OHIO, INTERVIEWED
RE CORRESPONDENCE WITH JOE H. JOHNSTON WHILE LATTER WAS
INMATE AT LONDON OHIO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOHNSTON WROTE TO [REDACTED] THAT HIS EX-FATHER-
IN-LAW, EDWIN ROWE, LIVES AT COLVILLE, WASHINGTON, ALLADDIN STAR
ROUTE. ROWE LIVES ON CATTLE RANCH ACCORDING TO JOHNSTON.

ON [REDACTED], JOHNSTON WROTE [REDACTED]
HE WAS THEN EMPLOYED AT SUMMIT STEEL COMPANY AT AKRON, OHIO AND
LIVING AT TWO FIVE EIGHT KENMORE IN AKRON, TELEPHONE SEVEN SIX TWO
NINE ZERO ONE SIX.

SEATTLE CONTACT EDWIN ROWE, COLVILLE, WASHINGTON RE WHEREABOUTS
OF JOHNSTON.

CLEVELAND CONTACT SUMMIT STEEL COMPANY, AKRON, AND CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT TWO FIVE EIGHT KENMORE, AKRON.

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12 :54AM 11-27-71 DCW

9:14 PM URGENT 11-26-71 RMB

TO: DIRECTOR SEATTLE
CLEVELAND MINNEAPOLIS
CINCINNATI LITTLE ROCK
MEMPHIS JACKSON
BIRMINGHAM

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

-----ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON-----

UNSUB: HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES SEVEN TWENTYSEVEN JET,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. AIRCRAFT HIJACKING.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES
TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT RE SUSPECT - JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON.

MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE HAS SHOWN PHOTO OF JOHNSTON TO AIRLINE
CREW WITNESSES WHO DO NOT FEEL HE IS IDENTICAL WITH HIJACKER.
SEATTLE K OWS JOHNSTONS LOCATION IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON.

ALL OFFICES EXCEPT SEATTLE DISCONTINUE LEADS RE JOHNSTON.

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11:00PM NITEL 11-26-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR CINCINNATI
LAS VEGAS LITTLE ROCK
PORTLAND SEATTLE

FROM MEMPHIS (164-78)

UNSUB, NORTHWEST FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER
TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
OO: SEATTLE.

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RE LITTLE ROCK NITELS TO BUREAU NOV. TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

ON NOV. TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, ALL AIR FACILITIES IN
VICINITY OF MEMPHIS, TENN., ALL PARACHUTE ORGANIZATION,
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PARACHUTISTS, AND PRIVATE AIRPLANE
COMPANIES CATERING TO PARACHUTISTS CONTACTED BUT NO INFORMA-
TION RECEIVED WHICH IS OF VALUE IN IDENTIFYING JOE HENRY
JOHNSTON OR TO INDICATE AN INDIVIDUAL BY THIS NAME HAS BEEN
ACTIVE AS A PARACHUTIST OR HAS TAKEN LESSONS IN PARACHUTE
JUMPING. INQUIRIES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY JOHNSTON CONTINUING

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MEMPHIS PD RECORDS INDICATE JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON
ARRESTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE, SIXTY,

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MPD NO. SEVEN FOUR FOUR SIX EIGHT. IN VIEW OF THE FACT
OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY HAS MORE RECENT PHOTOGRAPH, AS
REFLECTED IN REFERENCED LITTLE ROCK NITEL, MEMPHIS PD PHOTO
NOT BEING FORWARDED TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN. P. END.

JRW FBI SE CLR

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9:50 PM URGENT 11-26-71 SLO

TO DIRECTOR SEATTLE PORTLAND
CINCINNATI MINNEAPOLIS JACKSON
MEMPHIS LITTLE ROCK BIRMINGHAM

ALL OFFICES SENT VIA WASHINGTON DC

FROM CLEVELAND 164-NEW

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES SEVEN TWENTYSEVEN JET

NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST. AIRCRAFT HIJACKING.

RE BUREAU TELCALL TO CLEVELAND, NOV.. TWENTYSIX INSTANT; CLEVELAND

TEL CALLS TO BUREAU, SEATTLE, PORTLAND, MINNEAPOLIS, NOV. TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

SUSPECT - JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON.

RECORDS, MANSFIELD PD, MANSFIELD, OHIO, REFLECT SUSPECT ARRESTED MARCH EIGHT LAST, CHARGED OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE WITH LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO ANOTHER PERSON. ALSO, ON SAME DAY WAS CHARGED WITH OPERATING

MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT OPERATOR'S LICENSE. FINED THIRTYFIVE DOLLARS AND

COSTS. SUSPECT AT TIME OF ARREST RESIDED THIRTYSEVEN VESPER, AKRON, OHIO. SUSPECT IDENTICAL WITH MANSFIELD PD NO. ONE EIGHT SIX ONE ONE.

PHOTO OF SUSPECT OBTAINED. RECORDS, AKRON, OHIO PD, REFLECT SUSPECT UNDER NO. FIVE SIX FIVE SIX E EIGHT, WAS PROCESSED BY PD ON OCT. ELEVE

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SEVENTY, AS A COMPULSORY REGISTRANT, LISTING ADDRESS AS PORTAGE HOTEL,

AKRON. RECORDS FURTHER INDICATE SUSPECT INDICATED MOTHER IDA MAE
JOHNSTON, AGE SEVENTYTHREE, RESIDES SULLIGENT, ALABAMA. FURTHER
DECEASED. [REDACTED], ADDRESS UNKNOWN [REDACTED].

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JAMES, AGE SIXTY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SISTERS, EDITH NOLAN, AGE FIFTY,
ADDRESS UNKNOWN, RESIDING MISSISSIPPI. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS UNKNOWN. [REDACTED], ADDRESS

UNKNOWN, [REDACTED]. SUSPECT LISTED THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN.

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[REDACTED], ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

RECORDS, AKRON PD INDICATE SUSPECT AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WAS
UNDER PAROLE SUPERVISION FOR ONE YEAR TO [REDACTED], HAVING
BEEN PREVIOUS COMMITTED TO OHIO STATE PENAL SYSTEM ON MARCH TWENTY
SIXTYTHREE, AFTER BEING SENTENCED KNOX COUNTY, OHIO FROM ONE TO TWENTY

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YEARS FOR CRIME OF FORGERY. AKRON PD RECORDS INDICATE SUSPECT IS
ALCOHOLIC AND FREQUENTED SALVATION ARMY HOUSING FACILITIES. AKRON PD
RECORDS FURTHER INDICATE SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED FOR INTOXICATION AND
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SUSPICION OF UNARMED ROBBERY. INVESTIGATION DETERMINED SUSPECT MADE FALSE REPORT TO AKRON PD AND HAD IN ACTUALITY ABSCONDED WITH EMPLOYERS FUNDS.

[REDACTED], ADULT PAROLE AUTHORITY, AKRON, OHIO, ADVISED SUSPECT WAS PAROLED JUNE TWENTY FIVE SEVENTY AT WHICH TIME HE INDICATED HE WAS RESIDING AT [REDACTED] AKRON, OHIO, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. IN JAN. SEVENTYONE SUSPECT MOVED TO SALVATION ARMY

CENTER, ONE ZERO ZERO SIX GRANT ST., AKRON, OHIO. ON MARCH EIGHT LAST NOTATION IN PAROLE OFFICERS CONTACT SHEET REVEALED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PORTLAND, OREGON. ON MARCH EIGHT LAST SUSPECT

RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LEAVE AKRON TO VISIT WITH MOTHER, IDA JOHNSTON,

THREE ONE TWO SOUTH FRANKLIN ST., ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI. ON MAY FOURTEEN

LAST, ARKANSAS PAROLE AUTHORITIES INDICATED SUSPECT RESIDING AT ONE ONE ONE WEST BOND ST., WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY SPEER

AND WOOD MANUFACTURING COMPANY. SUSPECT WAS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF

[REDACTED], PAROLE OFFICER, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS. OHIO PAROLE AUTHOR

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ITIES TRANSFERRED SUPERVISION TO ARKANSAS PAROLE AUTHORITIES IN AUG.

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SEVENTYONE. NO FURTHER INFO WAS CONTAINED IN THIS PAROLE FILE.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE REFLECTS SUSPECT FORWARDED CHANGE OF ADDRESS EFFECTIVE MARCH THIRTY SEVENTYONE FROM AKRON TO ONE SEVEN SEVEN ONE TAHITI LANE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECT UNDER MANSFIELD PD NO. ONE EIGHT SIX ONE ONE FORWARDED VIA TELECOPIER TO SEATTLE, PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS DIVISIONS. SAME PHOTOS SENT VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINES NOV. TWENTYSIX INSTANT TO ABOVE THREE OFFICES.

SUSPECT DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY LBS., HAIR BROWNISH GRAY, EYES BLUE OR BROWN, MEDIUM BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION. DOB APRIL EIGHT TWENTYTHREE, SELLIGENT, ALA. SSN FOUR FOUR SEVEN - ZERO FIVE - FOUR THREE TWO NINE. SCARS AND MARKS, TWELVE INCH AND THREE INCH OPERATIONAL SCARS ON STOMACH. FIVE INCH CUT SCAR ON OUTER LEFT THIGH. SIX INCH CUT SCAR ON CHEST. EIGHT INCH CUT SCAR ON BACK. FOUR INCH CUT SCAR ON NECK AND FIVE INCH CUT SCAR ON RIGHT SIDE OF NECK AND CHEEK.

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BIRMINGHAM ASCERTAIN IF MOTHER STILL RESIDES SILLIGENT,
ALABAMA. IF SO, OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

CINCINNATI CONDUCT APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.

JACKSON ASCERTAIN IF SUSPECT'S MOTHER RESIDES ABERDEEN,
MISSISSIPPI AND IF SO OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

LITTLE ROCK AT WEST MEMPHIS AND JONESBORO, CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT ONE ONE WEST BOND ST., AND
THROUGH CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT ONE SEVEN
SEVEN ONE TAHITI, MEMPHIS, TENN.

PORTLAND CONTACT [REDACTED].

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING CLEVELAND.

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TO DIRECTOR
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FROM LITTLE ROCK (164-22) 5P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-
FOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. SEATTLE ORIGIN.

RE MYTEL OF NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIX, SEVENTYONE.

ON INSTANT DATE, PAROLE RECORD FOR JOSEPH H. JOHNSTON
REVIEWED WITH THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION OBTAINED:

NAME: JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON, SEX: MALE, RACE: CAUCASIAN,
DOB: APRIL EIGHT, TWENTY- THREE, POB: SULLIGENT, ALABAMA, FBI
NUMBER FIVE ONE FOUR DASH THREE NINE THREE A, FINGERPRINT
CLASSIFICATION: FIVE M/M, FIVE/SEVENTEEN, CAPITAL T/ CAPITAL
T, SMALL T, SIXTEEN/SIXTEEN, SSAN: FOUR FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO
FIVE DASH FOUR TWO THREE NINE, HEIGHT: SIX FEET, WEIGHT: ONE
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SEVEN ZERO. RELATIVES: MOTHER, MRS. IDA JOHNSTON, THREE ONE
TWO SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET, ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI, OR IN CARE
OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], ADDRESS: PORTLAND, OREGON,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADDRESS: PORTLAND, OREGON.

[REDACTED], ADDRESS: PORTLAND, OREGON,
[REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED], MT. VERNON, OHIO. HALF

BROTHER: JAMES JOHNSTON, ADDRESS: UNKNOWN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], ADDRESS: MOBILE, ALABAMA.

[REDACTED], MOBILE, ALABAMA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADDRESS: [REDACTED], COLUMBIA,

MISSISSIPPI. [REDACTED] ADDRESS

UNKNOWN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DATE OF FINAL RELEASE FROM PAROLE, AUGUST
THREE ONE, SEVENTYONE. OCCUPATIONS LISTED: CARPENTER'S HELPER,
SALESMAN, DRAFTSMAN, IRONWORKER AND BOILERMAKER. MILITARY SERVICE
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RECORD: U.S. ARMY, FEBRUARY ONE, FORTY-THREE TO DECEMBER THREE ZERO, FORTY-THREE, SERVICE NUMBER THREE FOUR SEVEN ZERO THREE ONE TWO THREE, RECEIVING HONORABLE DISCHARGE. WAS CONVICTED BY COURT'S MARSHAL ON FOUR OCCASIONS. EDUCATION: COMPLETED NINTH GRADE AT WILSON, ARKANSAS, OBTAINED GED WHILE IN MILITARY.

ARREST RECORD ATTACHED TO PAROLE REPORT INDICATED NUMEROUS ARRESTS DATING FROM APRIL TEN, FORTY-SEVEN THROUGH APRIL TEN, SIXTY-EIGHT INCLUDING FIVE ARRESTS BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PORTLAND, OREGON, UNDER NUMBER THREE NINE SIX NINE ONE AND TWO ARRESTS BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PORTLAND, OREGON, UNDER NUMBER THREE FIVE FOUR SIX THREE. DATE OF LISTED ARRESTS BY PD, PORTLAND, OREGON, JANUARY TWO EIGHT, SIXTY-TWO. DATE OF LISTED ARRESTS BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PORTLAND, OREGON, JANUARY THREE ONE, SIXTY-TWO ON CHARGE, ASSAULT AND ROBBERY, ARMED. ON MARCH TWENTY, SIXTY-THREE, JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON WAS SENTENCED TO OHIO PENITENTIARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR A TERM OF FROM ONE TO TWENTY YEARS FOR FOUR COUNTS OF FORGERY, UNDER NUMBER ONE ONE SIX EIGHT FIVE NINE. SUSPECT TRANSFERRED TO LONDON CORRECTIONAL

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INSTITUTION ON MAY ONE THREE, SIXTY-THREE, WAS PAROLED ON MARCH TWENTY-SIX, SIXTY-FOUR, WAS PICKED UP AS A PAROLE VIOLATOR ON AUGUST TWO TWO, SIXTY-SIX, WAS PAROLED OCTOBER TWO SIX, SIXTY-SEVEN FROM LONDON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, WAS ARRESTED ON APRIL TEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, WAS RETURNED TO LONDON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ON MAY SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RECORDS, WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, POST OFFICE, CHECKED THIS DATE, REVEAL A FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR JOHNSTON DATED SEPTEMBER ONE, SEVENTY- ONE, AS FOUR ZERO ZERO NORTHEAST SIXTY-NINE STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON.

CINCINNATI DIVISION AT COLUMBUS, OHIO. WILL FROM ABOVE INFORMATION REVIEW PRISON RECORDS OF JOHNSTON, OBTAIN RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF SUSPECT, AND SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

PORTLAND DIVISION AT PORTLAND, OREGON. WILL CONTACT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND PD OFFICIALS, PORTLAND, OREGON, TO REVIEW JOHNSTON'S ARREST RECORD FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH, AND SUBMIT RESULTS TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.
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WILL ALSO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT FOUR ZERO ZERO
NORTHEAST SIXTY-NINE STREET, PORTLAND, CONCERNING SUSPECT.

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION AT WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS. WILL
CONTINUE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

11/26/71

SA J. DAVID JACKSON (A)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT NO. 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

This refers to lead to identify [redacted]
alleged owner of 1960 Dodge, Washington license No. [redacted]
[redacted], address of [redacted] Pullman, Washington.

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On November 26, 1971, Pullman Police Department,
Detective [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a repu-
table [redacted] of Pullman, who has [redacted]
[redacted] for many years. Pullman Police Department re-
ceived a teletype on Tuesday of this week, November 23,
1971, from the Longview, Washington, Police Department
requesting verification of sale of above car [redacted].

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The Longview Police Department had in custody
JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON, who apparently had custody of vehicle
and unable to prove ownership.

At request of Longview Police Department, the
Pullman Police Department determined that on October 28,
1971, this vehicle was sold to JOSEPH H. JOHNSTON by Neill
Motors in Pullman. Neill Motors had taken the vehicle on
a trade [redacted] and had not changed the registration.
JOHNSTON furnished the address to Neill Motors of 4005 N. E.
69th, Portland, Oregon, telephone No. 284-3851. He said
he was an iron worker, member of Union Local #14, 33 Mission
West in Portland and was employed by one of the contractors
on the new Coliseum under construction at Washington State
University, Pullman. He was described as a white male,
approximately 55 years, 5'10", 150 lbs, short gray hair, no
glasses. He lived at the Pullman Hotel and was friendly
with a young black man, whose identify was not known by the
Pullman Police Department. JOHNSTON still owes Neill Motors
\$100 on the car.

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According to Detective [REDACTED] JOHNSTON is apparently the same man as the one Longview Police Department had in custody. He did not know the reason for the arrest by the Longview Police Department and had no further information regarding this matter.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Re: HIGHJACKING OF NORTHWESTERN
AIRLINES 727 JET, 11/24/71
HIGHJACKING; INFORMATION CONCERNING

JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON -- Suspect

Race: White
Sex: Male
Birth Data: April 8, 1923,
Social Security Number: 447-05-4329
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Grey
Height: 6'
Weight: 160 pounds
Mansfield, Ohio,
Police Dept. Number: 18611
Arrest Record:
Mansfield, Ohio

3/3/71 Operating Motor Vehicle \$10 and costs
With Plates Issued to
Other Person

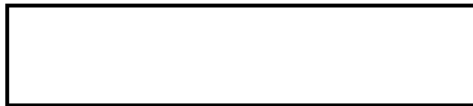
3/8/71 Operating Motor Vehicle \$25 and costs
Without Operator's License

Address at time of above offenses:
37 Vesper,
Akron, Ohio



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SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

00: Seattle

RE: Suspect JOE HENRY JOHNSTON

On November 26, 1971, SA [] at the Bureau advised me that the suspect had served time in the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, Oregon in 1964 and that the Police Department and Sheriff's Office in Portland had photographs of him. He advised the Bureau had not communicated with Portland concerning this matter. I told him I would.

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I made a call to ASAC VINCENT E. RUEHL in Portland and suggested that he have JOHNSTON's photograph displayed to leading agent at Northwest immediately. In addition, obtain photograph of him from the available sources and run a background check on [] who currently resides in Portland but that I would not contact her at this moment.

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November 26, 1971

SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

00: Seattle

RE: Suspect JOE HENRY JOHNSTON

I received a call from Cleveland who advised that a photograph of JOE HENRY JOHNSTON was being placed [redacted] of Northwest Flight 723 scheduled to arrive in Portland at 5:26 PM today. That flight, under number 27, would depart to Seattle from Portland, arriving in Seattle at 8:09 PM. The photograph would be with [redacted] I told him I would tell Portland.

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November 26, 1971

SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

00: Seattle

RE: Suspect JOE HENRY JOHNSTON

On November 26, 1971, at 11:20 AM, I called Assistant Director WALTERS at the Bureau and requested that he forward a facsimile of the identification record under number 514 393 A for JOHNSTON to Las Vegas, Portland, Seattle and Minneapolis. I also told him that Las Vegas had dusted the airplane for prints, that latents were being sent via courier and immediately upon receipt, I asked that they be processed and results furnished to me.

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SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
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CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

00: Seattle

RE: Suspect JOE HENRY JOHNSTON

On November 26, 1971, I contacted SA CAMPBELL in Las Vegas. He advised that they had dusted the airplane for latent fingerprints but he doubted that they would be good enough for identification. I advised him to forward by currier to the Bureau immediately these fingerprints.

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SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

RE: SUSPECT JOE HENRY JOHNSTON

At 12:05 p.m., on 11/26/71, I called ASAC ROBERT KENT in Minneapolis. I told him about JOE JOHNSTON being a suspect. He has received a facsimile photograph from Cleveland of JOHNSTON. He now has Agents showing picture and will notify me when completed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

On 11/30/71, witness CORD H. Z. SPRECKEL was shown photographs of suspects GARY EVAN JOSEPH SANDAL, ROBERT HAMPTON KEELY, JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSTON and . SPRECKEL advised that none of the four photographs displayed was the subject in his opinion.

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UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

In 11/30/71 [REDACTED] The Boeing Co., 7755 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington advised that a review of Boeing personnel records failed to reveal any listing for a [REDACTED] from 1963 to the present.

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She explained that the Boeing 727 was on the drawing boards in 1963, but manufacture did not start until a later date, 1968 or 1969.

She suggested that the unsub might have become familiar with the 727 through working for an airline using the 727.

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6:28 AM NITEL 11/25/71 SWD

TO DIRECTOR

PORTLAND

LAS VEGAS

FROM SEATTLE (164-NEW) 8P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR,
SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AIEPORT (SEA-TAC) CALLED AT APPROXIMATELY
THREE TWENTYTWO PM, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, ADVISING
THAT A MAN ABOARD INSTANT PLANE AT PORTLAND, OREGON, PASSED
WORD TO THE PILOT THAT HE HAD A BOMB IN HIS BRIEFCASE AND
DEMANDED TWO HUNDREDTHOUSAND DOLLARS. HE INSTRUCTED THE
PILOT TO GET THIS MONEY READY BY FIVE PM, AND ALSO TO
FURNISH HIM TWO PARACHUTES. SUBJECT INSTRUCTED PILOT TO
HAVE NO ONE MEET THE AIRCRAFT; NO ONE WAS TO APPROACH THE
AIRCRAFT AND THAT HE WOULD ADVISE LATER WHAT HIS FLIGHT
PLANS WERE.

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SUBSEQUENTLY THE PILOT CIRCLED THE FIELD AT SEA-TAC UNTIL FIVE FORTYTHREE PM, WHEN THE PLANE LANDED. THE TIME WAS CONSUMED IN OBTAINING THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IN OBTAINING PARACHUTES. IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT, DURING THIS TIME, CHANGED HIS REQUEST FOR PARACHUTES TO FOUR IN ALL, TWO BACK PACKS AND TWO CHEST PACKS.

SUBJECT'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING THE MONEY AND THE PARACHUTES TO THE PLANE WERE THAT NO ONE WAS TO APPROACH THE PLANE EXCEPT ONE REFUELING TRUCK; A BUS TO TAKE OFF THE PASSENGERS AND THE MESSENGER WITH THE MONEY AND THE PARACHUTES. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE WOULD ALLOW ONE OF THE STEWARDESSES TO LEAVE THE PLANE; GET THE PARACHUTES AND THE MONEY AND DELIVER THEM TO HIM. HE STATED HE WOULD RELEASE THE REST OF THE PASSENGERS AND THE OTHER TWO STEWARDESSES AFTER THE PARACHUTES AND MONEY WERE ON BOARD.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PLANE CARRIED THIRTYSEVEN PASSENGERS;
THREE MALE CREW MEMBERS AND THREE STEWARDESSES.

PILOT AND NORTHWEST AIRLINES OFFICIALS WERE
POSITIVE IN THEIR STATEMENT THAT THEY WANTED NO ONE ELSE TO
GO NEAR THE PLANE WHICH WAS PARKED ON A FAR CORNER OF THE
FIELD AND WANTED NO INTERFERENCE IN THE REFUELING OPERATION
AND DELIVERY OF THE MONEY AND PARACHUTES.

THE MONEY AND PARACHUTES WERE DELIVERED BY [REDACTED],
NORTHWEST AIRLINES AT SEATTLE. THIRTYSIX OF THE PASSENGERS AND TWO
STEWARDESSES LEFT THE PLANE AND CAME INTO THE TERMINAL. THE PLANE
WAS REFUELED TO FULL CAPACITY. THE SUBJECT GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE
PILOT THAT THE PLANE WAS TO FLY WITH THE LANDING GEAR DOWN, REAR
HATCH DOOR OPEN AND THE FLAPS AT A FIFTEEN DEGREE ANGLE. IT IS
NOTED THAT INSTANT PLANE IS A BOEING SEVEN TWO SEVEN WHICH HAS A
LOWER REAR DOOR UNDERNEATH THE AIRPLANE. NORTHWEST OFFICIALS ADVISE
THAT WITH THE FUEL ON HAND AND FLYING IN THIS CONDITION AT APPROX-
IMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY KNOTS, THAT THEY HAD SUFFICIENT FUEL
TO FLY TO SACRAMENTO OR RENO.

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PLANE WAS AIRBORNE AT SEVEN THIRTYSEVEN PM, FLYING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF TWO PLANES FROM MC CHORD AIR FORCE BASE.

THE NAME DAN COOPER APPEARED ON A MANIFEST OF PASSENGERS BOARDING AT PORTLAND, OREGON. THE SUBJECT IN THIS CASE MADE HIS FIRST APPROACH TO THE STEWARDESS JUST AS THE PLANE WAS LEAVING THE FIELD AT PORTLAND, OREGON. DAN COOPER WAS NOT AMONG THE PASSENGERS DEPLANING AT SEATTLE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT OBTAINED BY INTERVIEW WITH STEWARD-ESSES AS FOLLOWS:

WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, OLIVE COMPLEXION, LATIN APPEARANCE, BLACK HAIR, NORMAL HAIR STYLE, PARTED ON LEFT, AGE MIDDLE FORTIES, SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AVERAGE BUILD, BROWN EYES, BLACK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, NARROW BLACK TIE, BLACK RAIN-TYPE OVERCOAT, BLACK DRESS SUIT, DARK BRIEFCASE.

SUBJECT WAS NOT KNOWN TO BE ARMED HOWEVER, WHEN HE FIRST APPROACHED THE STEWARDESS, HE TOLD HER HE HAD A BOMB IN THE BRIEFCASE AND EXHIBITED THE CONTENTS OF THE BRIEFCASE.

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STEWARDESS [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE SUBJECT DISPLAYED THE CONTENTS OF A BLACK VINYL BRIEFCASE TO HER WHICH CONTAINED A BUNDLE OF RED COLORED STICKS, SIX TO SEVEN INCHES LONG, ABOUT ONE INCH IN DIAMETER. SUBJECT STATED THAT THE STICKS WERE DYNAMITE. SHE SAID THAT THESE STICKS WERE WRAPPED IN A BUNDLE WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE RED PLASTIC TAPE. SHE SAID THAT A RED WIRE LED FROM THE BUNDLE BUT WAS NOT ATTACHED TO ANYTHING. SHE STATED THAT THE MAN HELD THE WIRE IN HIS HAND AS THOUGH HE COULD DETONATE THE DYNAMITE BY MAKING A CONNECTION WITH THE WIRE. SHE SAID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE IN THE BRIEFCASE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN A BATTERY, ALTHOUGH SHE DID NOT KNOW.

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INTERVIEWS OF ALL PASSENGERS AND TWO STEWARDESSES COMPLETED AT SEA-TAC.

SOME PASSENGERS REALIZED HIJACKING IN PROGRESS ABOUT TEN MINUTES OUT OF PORTLAND. HIJACKER BOARDED AT PORTLAND AS ONE OF THE LAST PASSENGERS AND TOOK MIDDLE SEAT IN RIGHT REAR ROW OF COACH SECTION. HIJACKER CARRIED DARK COLORED ATTACHE CASE AND PAPER BAG ABOUT FOUR INCHES BY TWELVE INCHES BY FOURTEEN INCHES.

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PASSENGER OBSERVED STEWARDESS AND HIJACKER CONVERSING THROUGHOUT FLIGHT. IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING AT SEA-TAC, HIJACKER ENTERED REST ROOM, REMAINED THERE ABOUT ONE MINUTE AND THEN RETURNED TO SEAT PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED.

ONE PASSENGER SCUFFLED BRIEFLY WITH HIJACKER. SECOND PASSENGER PULLED FIRST PASSENGER AWAY FROM HIJACKER. NO OTHER UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OCCURRED BETWEEN PASSENGERS AND HIJACKER.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HIJACKING WAS FURNISHED TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICES BY TELEPHONE:

AQ, BT, SU, SD, LA, SC, SF, PX, LV, PD, DN, AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED].
PARACHUTES FURNISHED TO SUBJECT TO SUBJECT ARE DESCRIBED AS:

TWO FRONT CHEST CHUTES, TWENTYFOUR FEET IN DIAMETER, ALL WHITE NYLON, MODEL T-SEVEN A, WHITE SHROUDS, ABOUT FOURTEEN FEET LONG. NUMBER ONE CONTAINER HAS QUOTE [REDACTED] ENQUOTE WRITTEN ON IT, AND IS ABOUT TEN BY THIRTEEN INCHES, OLIVE DRAB. NUMBER TWO CONTAINER HAS [REDACTED] WRITTEN ON A WHITE PATCH WHICH IS SEWN TO CONTAINER.

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TWO BACK PACK CHUTES CONTAINERS WERE ORDINARY MILITARY TYPE OLIVE DRAB IN COLOR, TWO TO THREE FEET LONG, FIFTEEN TO EIGHTEEN INCHES WIDE. NUMBER ONE BACK PACK CHUTE DESCRIBED AS CIVILIAN LUXURY TYPE. TAN SOFT COTTON MATERIAL OUTSIDE, TWENTY SIX FOOT WHITE CANOPY INSIDE, AND HAS A MILITARY CHUTE INSIDE OF IT, ALSO ONE OR TWO BURP SACKS, AND USUAL LEAD SEAL. NUMBER TWO BACK PACK SHUTE WAS A MILITARY NYLON TYPE, OLIVE DRAB GREEN OUTSIDE, TWENTY EIGHT FOOT WHITE CANOPY INSIDE, WITH TWO BURP SACKS IN BACK, LEAD SEAL. SEALS HAD NOT BEEN PULLED. [REDACTED]

CAN IDENTIFY BOTH. INV CONTINUEING TO OBTAIN SERIAL NUMBERS.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT LOG REVEALS THAT AT EIGHT ZERO FIVE PM, WHILE IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON, CAPTAIN ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH UNSUB ON TWO OCCASIONS, AT WHICH TIME UNSUB ADVISED QUOTE EVERYTHING IS OK ENQUOTE. AT EIGHT TWELVE PM, WHILE FLYING SOUTH OF PORTLAND, OREGON, CREW REPORTED GETTING SOME OSCILLATION IN THE CABIN AND ADVISED QUOTE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING WITH AIR STAIRS. ENQUOTE. NO FURTHER ENTRIES ON LOG AT SEATTLE.
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TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OBTAINED BY NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FROM SEATTLE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WHO HAD EARLIER MICROFILMED ENTIRE
CONTENTS. MICROFILM BEING OBTAINED AM OF TWENTYFIFTH INSTANT, AT
WHICH TIME WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY PILOT COURIER.

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